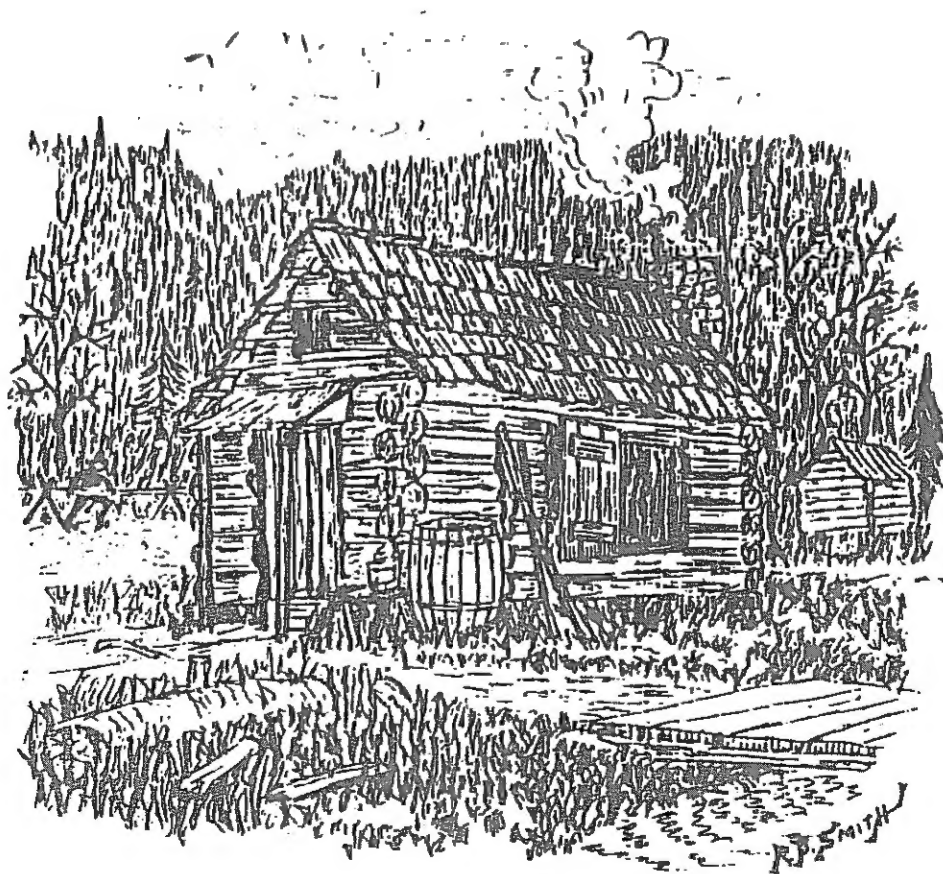


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ANNUAL GATHERING - HACKER'S CREEK PIONEER DESCENDANTS

AUGUST 9,10,11, 1991

JANE LEW FIRE HALL, JANE LEW, WV

THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR OUR AUGUST MEETING. MORE INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE REGISTRATION DESK.

FRIDAY AUGUST 9

- 8:30 - COMPLIMENTARY BREAKFAST BAR
REGISTRATION AND CHECK-IN DESK OPEN
- 9:30 - SEMINAR - CAROL SCHWEIKER FROM SALEM COLLEGE -
"ANCIENT NEWS PRINT"
- 10:30 - SEMINAR - JOY GILCHRIST & JOYCE CHAMBERS -
"YOUR FAMILY TREE- ROOTS AND LIMBS"
- 8:30 - 12:00 - INDEPENDENT RESEARCH
- 12:00 - LUNCH - SOUP BEANS, CORN BREAD, ETC. - OR -
BARBECUE, POTATO SALAD, ETC.
- 1:00 - 5:00 - TOUR TO HISTORIC SITES ON HACKER'S CREEK -OR-
TOUR OF STONEWALL JACKSON LAKE AREA AND
CEMETERIES
- 1:00 - 5:00 - INDEPENDENT RESEARCH
- 6:00 - HAM DINNER WITH ALL THE "FIXINS"
- 7:30 - ? - INFORMAL GATHERING - RESEARCH, CONVERSATION,
MUSIC, REFRESHMENTS

SATURDAY AUGUST 10

- 8:30 - COMPLIMENTARY BREAKFAST BAR
REGISTRATION AND CHECK-IN DESK OPEN
- 9:30 - SEMINAR - DENNIS RODGERS & ED SCHOOLCRAFT -
"LEGALESE IN GENEALOGY"
- 10:30 - BUSINESS MEETING
- 12:00 - LUNCH - HOT ROAST BEEF OR TURKEY SANDWICH, MASHED
POTATOES, ETC.
- 1:00 - 5:00 - TOUR OF HACKER'S CREEK AREA OR STONEWALL
JACKSON LAKE AREA AND CEMETERIES
- 1:00 - 6:00 - INDEPENDENT RESEARCH AND VISITING
- 6:00 - DINNER -HONEY DIPPED CHICKEN
- 7:30 - ANNA GRACE DEHAVEN
SINGING WITH THE DENTON KING FAMILY
GRANDMA'S ATTIC - JOY GILCHRIST AND THE HACKER'S
CREEK PLAYERS
DRESS-UP NIGHT - COOKIES AND COFFEE - SOCIAL TIME

THE FOOD WILL BE CATERED BY THE WILDERNESS PLANTATION RESTAURANT.

SUNDAY AUGUST 11

- 10:30 - CHURCH SERVICES AT MT. HEBRON UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH, JANE LEW, WV
- 2:30 - PACK UP THE LIBRARY MATERIALS

COME AND VISIT WITH YOUR COUSINS AND OLD FRIENDS AND HAVE AN ENJOYABLE TIME. OUR LIBRARY HAS GROWN SINCE LAST YEAR SO YOU WILL FIND MORE MATERIAL AND FAMILY RECORDS TO RESEARCH.

ANNUAL GATHERING"BEFORE AND AFTER" ACTIVITIES:

ON THURSDAY MORNING WE WILL BE HAULING OUR LIBRARY FROM ITS WESTON HOME TO THE JANE LEW FIRE HALL. ANYONE WHO ARRIVES EARLY IS INVITED TO SHARE IN THIS EXCITING ADVENTURE. JUST SHOW UP AT THE LOUIS BENNETT PUBLIC LIBRARY AT 10:00 AM IN YOUR WORK TOGS.

THURSDAY EVENING WE USUALLY MEET AT THE PLANTATION INN RESTAURANT AT JANE LEW AT 5:30 OR 6:00 FOR DINNER.

SUNDAY MORNING AFTER CHURCH WE MEET AT THE RESTAURANT FOR LUNCH (OR BRUNCH), THEN PACK UP LIBRARY MATERIALS.

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NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

NO. ATTENDING: _____ MEMBER: \$2.50 _____ NON-MEMBER: \$5.00 _____ CK-Csh

I WISH TO PAY 1992 DUES NOW: \$20.00 _____ (DUE OCT. 1, 1991)

I PLAN TO EAT AT THE FIRE HALL: FRIDAY LUNCH _____ DINNER _____
SATURDAY LUNCH _____ DINNER _____

FOOD PRICES THIS YEAR ARE: FRIDAY LUNCH: \$4.50 DINNER: \$6.50
SATURDAY LUNCH: \$5.00 DINNER: \$6.50

RETURN TO: HACKER'S CREEK PIONEER DESCENDANTS
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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

At the January 1991 meeting, the Executive Committee proposed and approved an amendment to the By-Laws. In compliance with our By-laws, the proposed changes must be published in an issue of the Hacker's Creek Journal before the annual meeting is held. The following proposed amendment will be presented for consideration by the general membership. If approved by the membership, the changes will become effective Oct. 1, 1991.

The proposed changes in the By-laws are as follows:

- (1) Change Article V, Section 1, to read:

"The governing body shall be an Executive Committee comprising the six officers identified in Section 6 of this Article and the immediate Past-President, or if necessary, another Representative elected by the membership to provide a seventh member of the Executive Committee. The six officers, and, if necessary, the Representative to the Executive Committee, shall be elected by the members at the Annual Meeting and shall serve for two years following election,"

- (2) Change Article V, Section 6c, to read:

"The Secretary shall

Record the minutes of meetings of the general membership and of the Executive Committee and preserve minutes and reports;

Be responsible for the correspondence of the Society;

Maintain mailing list of all members of the Society;

Serve as a member of the Reunion Committee;

Keep appropriate records and, with the treasurer,

file the necessary forms with the appropriate

District Director of the Internal Revenue Service

and the State of West Virginia to maintain the

Society's tax-exempt and not-for-profit status.

- (3) Change Article V, Section 6d, to read:

"The Treasurer shall

Collect and record all dues and funds received by the Society;

Pay all bills belonging to the Society;

Serve as a member of the Reunion Committee;

Draft a budget to be discussed and/or modified and adopted at the Annual Meeting;

Regulate expenditures in accordance with the budget;

Give a financial report at Executive Committee

meetings and an Annual Report at the Annual Meeting;

Keep appropriate records and, with the treasurer, file the necessary forms with the appropriate District Director of the Internal Revenue Service and the State of West Virginia to maintain the Society's tax-exempt and not-for-profit status.

- (4) Add Article V, Section 6e, to read:

The Archivist/Librarian shall

Be responsible for filing and preserving historical and genealogical material gathered by or contributed to the Society.

- (E) Add Article V, Section 6f, to read:

The Editor shall

Serve as Editor-in-chief of the Society's publication, the Hacker's Creek Journal;

Serve as Editor-in-chief of special publications undertaken by the Society.

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PLEASE SHIP MY ORDER TO:

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CITY _____

1 Apr 1991

Dear Cousins and Almost Cousins:

Are you making plans for the annual gathering in August?? Now's the time! Letters have gone out to you about the plans and reservations; in case you didn't receive one, check elsewhere in this issue for a schedule and reservation form. The gathering looks like it will be another exciting event. We hope to see you there.

Matha Byrd, our new cemetery chairman, is looking for individuals interested in reading cemeteries in Lewis County. Most of this work will have to be done by "locals", but some of you may wish to spend some vacation days on this worthwhile project. For more information, see Matha's letter in this issue.

I wonder how many of you realize that history and genealogy are as old as time but as new as today. Remember how exciting it is to send off to the National Archives and get back a packet of information about a Revolutionary or Civil War ancestors. A hundred years down the road folks will be getting excited about those same kinds of records about us. Of course, because we're into this "crazy" hobby, we'll make it easier for them; but, we can go a step or two further. Keep a diary or journal, a scrapbook, pertinent letters; and, if you think that no one in your immediate family will be interested or just might throw out the records (that's happened lots of times), leave a stipulation in your will that your genealogy materials will go to a library.

Ever wonder how many early Hacker's Creek residents served in the Revolution or the Civil War? What about those who served in the War of 1812 - or were with Clark at Vincennes or with Wayne at the Battle of Fallen Timbers? An article in a recent "Weston Democrat" named those who served in WW I, WW II, Korea, and Vietnam from Lewis County. I wonder how many descendants of Hacker's Creek pioneers served in these wars and what were their names? More recently, in keeping with the earlier statement that history is as "new as today", I wonder how many descendants of Hacker's Creek pioneers saw service in Operation Desert Shield/Storm.

Tracking down the names for all the earlier wars - and battles - would require untold hours of research; but, for this latest conflict, it should be somewhat easier. So. . . , just to help our g.g. grandkids with their research one hundred years from now, send me the names of those who served in the Gulf and are descended from early Lewis County families. We'll publish them in a later issue of the Journal.

While we're talking about Operation Desert Storm/Shield, thanks for all the support and prayers for our son, Jene, during the crisis. It helped. He should be back stateside in early June, if the permanent ceasefire is signed and implemented.

JOY GILCHRIST

HCPD

From the Desk of the President:

March 21, 1991

RESERVATIONS: Make yours today! Join with us on August 9, 10, 11, for the HCPD Annual Gathering at the Jane Lew, West Virginia Fire Station, near I-79. Vice President and Program Chairman, Bob Smith and his committee are laying out the red carpet for "you all".

NO MEGA HOSPITAL WASTE INCINERATOR ON HACKER'S CREEK! House Bill 2141 was signed by our Governor on March 6, 1991, which bans commercial incinerators to dispose of medical infectious wastes. HCPD pays tribute to the many Hacker's Creek citizens and Lewis County leadership in their efforts to get this important legislation passed. Some local names who helped are: Diane and Sam Hicks, Sheila Lewis, Steve and Jenny Gee, Dave Cottrill, Richard Cronin, Larry Bailey, Guy Mays, Joseph Lightburn, Frances Cressman, Robert Wilkerson, Ginny Grottendike, Joe Pickens, William Chapman, Danny Gum, and Reta Huff.

AGREEMENT FOR RESTORATION
OF THE FRONTIER SCHOOL REQUESTED

The Wes-Mon-Ty Resource Conservation and Development, 12 County RC&D Board Members requested HCPD to prepare an agreement with the Lewis County Board of Education for a long term lease to restore and use a one room, brick school house on Center Avenue, Weston, West Virginia for the HCPD library, museum, and committee room. HCPD made applications for a grant through RC&D but we must wait for the final results. In the meantime a local attorney is assisting HCPD prepare an agreement with the Board of Education.

BILL HAYES: Vice President, Robert Smith, Assistant Secretary, Raydine Teicheira, Editor, Joy Gilchrist and Librarian, Irma Curtis met with Bill Hayes and Ron JANONNE in Morgantown on March 11 to map out plans to publish over 300 photos of early families, buildings and historic places. The HCPD President stayed at home to babysit with his 3 and 1/2 year old granddaughter while the President's older daughter had her second daughter who weighed in at 8 pounds and 13 ounces. All are doing fine!

MORE SHELF SPACE-40 feet: HCPD "carpenters," Ed Allman and the President constructed more shelves for the HCPD library. The Louis Bennett Public Library furnished the lumber.

MAURICE ALLMAN

DEAR COUSINS AND FRIENDS.

I AM PRESENTLY ATTEMPTING TO FILL RAYDINE'S BIG SHOES WITH HER PATIENT GUIDANCE. SUDDENLY WE ARE FACED WITH THE TASK OF PUBLISHING MORE MATERIAL THAN WE HAVE IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS. WE ARE WORKING ON THE PRESENT JOURNAL, SORTING FIVE GENERATION CHARTS FOR EARLY PUBLICATION. WE ARE PREPARING THE LEWIS COUNTY MARRIAGE BONDS AND EVERY NAME INDEX (OUR NEWEST PROJECT) FOR PUBLICATION. WE ALSO HAVE MET WITH BILL HAYES, CHAIRMAN FOR THE PICTORIAL HISTORY BOOK PROJECT FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPLORING WAYS TO FINANCE THE PROJECT. WE WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT PRE-PUBLICATION RESERVATIONS FOR THE MARRIAGE BOOK UNTIL TIME OF PUBLICATION. PLEASE NOTE THE PRICE WILL GO UP AFTER PUBLICATION.

PLANS FOR THE ANNUAL GATHERING HAVE BEEN COMPLETED. BE GETTING YOUR COSTUMES READY TO WEAR ON SATURDAY. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO WRITE OR CALL ME. DURING THE WEEK DAYS I AM BUSY TEACHING AT WEST VIRGINIA WESLEYAN COLLEGE. EACH SATURDAY I DO VOLUNTEER WORK AT OUR WONDERFUL LIBRARY. I AM SO THANKFUL FOR THE TIME AND EFFORT IRMA CURTIS HAS GIVEN TO ORGANIZING A WONDERFUL GENEALOGICAL COLLECTION WHICH IS RAPIDLY BECOMING FIRST RATE IN MY OPINION. KEEP CONTRIBUTING FAMILY HISTORIES, ETC. TO THE LIBRARY WHICH WE ARE RAPIDLY OUTGROWING.

WE NEED TO KEEP BILL SMITH IN OUR PRAYERS. MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL. I HOPE TO SEE AS MANY OF YOU AS POSSIBLE IN AUGUST. LET'S MAKE THIS GATHERING ONE TO REMEMBER BY YOUR PRESENCE.

YOUR ACTING SECRETARY

NANCY ANN JACKSON

Dear Fellow HCPEers:

I have been asked by the officers of HCPD to act as your Cemetery Records Chairman. We have published several cemeteries in past Journals and have several more ready for publication. We want to put these and any new ones together in book form to be published and for sale. This will be an on-going endeavor and will require the help and assistance of any member or non-members who are interested in this project. We have a couple of members who spend their vacations in WV and pursue this interest while here. We want to locate and 'read' every cemetery in Lewis Co., and even ones in other counties that pertain to Lewis Co. natives or descendants. With each cemetery reading we need as much information as possible, such as--history of cemetery or church/cemetery, who the land belonged to at the time of establishment, directions to the cemetery and any other information pertinent to the cemetery. If you can't find any information, please don't hesitate to read the cemetery. Maybe someone else will know something about it.

This is a project for any one interested. Please let me know which ones you have read or plan to read, or know the location of. This project will help to preserve a record of burials in Lewis and other counties. The following is a list of the ones in past Journals:

Buckhannon Run Cem.	Hinzman Hill Cem.
Jackson Cem.	Morrison (Old Hacker) Cem.
Jesse Run Cem.	Jonas Smith Cem.
Butcher Graveyard	IOOF (Fairview) Cem.
Hardesty Cem.	Georgetown/Mt. Gilead Cem.
Laural Lick Cem.	Peterson Cem. (family)
Bailey Cem.	Wm. L. Smith Cem.
Bush Cem.	Old Mitchell Cem.
Snyder Cem.	IOOF (Enterprise, WV)
Bethal Cem. (Harrison Co)	Harmony Cem.
Rockford (Harrison Co)	Mitman Cem (Ohio)
McVane (Upshur)	Broad Run Cem/
Woofter Cem.	Bailey (Jane Lew)
Vandalia	Unnamed Cem. (at Vandalia)
Long Point Cem.	Post Chapel Cem.
Corathers Cem.	Old Smith Cem.-Smith Run
Wolf Cem.	Mt. Olive Church Cem.
Louisa Jane Cem.	Seven Day Bapt. (Ohio)
Howell (Ohio)	McCue Town Cem.
Linger Cem.	Flaherty Family Cem.
Hopewell/Shoulders Cem.	Beahler Cem.
Smith Family Cem.	Hardman Family Cem.
Summers Family Cem.	Whetzel Cem.
Unidentified Cem.	Taylor Chapel Cem.
Sand Hill (Ind.)	(Brownsville Cem. (relocated))
Rockford/Pletcher Cem.	Leavitt/Jarvis Cem.
Watson/Nestor Cem.	Hall/Corathers Cem.
Union Hill Cem.	Morrison Cem.
Peterson Family Cem.	Forinash Family Cem.
Simpson Chapel Cem.	Alkire/Bragg Cem.
Doyle Chapel Cem.	Curtis/Taylor Cem.

Ranges Run Cem.	Fisher Cem. (Maxwell Run)
Carder Cem. (partial)	Miller Cem.
Swecher Cem.	Middle Run Cem.
Law Chapel Cem.	Mt. Morris Cem.
Beech Grove Cem.	Cem. near Arnold, WV
Horner Meth. Cem.	Whitesell Cem.
Straight Run Cem.	Louisa Jane Meth. Cem.
Brierpoint	Jacksonville

In researching I have come across the following:

Barbecue Cem. near Walkersville
Clover Fork near Orlando
Cosner near Arnold
Craig Cem.
Fairhaven near Walkersville
Fairview at Roanoke
Gaston Cem. on Sassafras
Gould ME Church Cem.
Hannah Temple Cem.
Heater at Duffy
Heath Cem. on Pine Run
Lowther Cem. near Duffy
Marvin Church Cem.
Meadowbrook Farm Cem.
Montgomery Cem - Sand Fork
Old Field Fork Church Cem - Orlando?
Point Pleasant - near Hurst or Falling Timber, Dodd. Co?
Powers Cem.
Pullman Cem.
Pumphrey Cem. - Indian Fork?
Round Bottom Cem. - near Vandalia?
Skidmore Cem - Centralia/Walkersville?
Sugar Camp - Collins Settlement or Dodd. Co?
Wooddell - at Orlando?

These are just a few that have turned up in recent days.
If anyone knows anything about any of these or others let us know.
As you can see this is a BIG project and we'll need all the help
we can get to complete this work. Again, we hope to hear from
many volunteers.

Matha Byrd

PS: Would there be anyone interested in helping to read a BIG
cemetery during the week of the gathering, before the meet-
ings begin?

PHOTOS NEEDED FOR PICTORIAL HISTORY OF LEWIS COUNTY

Recently the history book committee of the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants, met at the Stone Crab Inn in Morgantown. Members of the committee as named by Maurice Allman, president, of Philippi are: Bill Hayes, N. Hollywood, CA, chairman; Joy Gilchrist, W. Lafayette, OH; Raydine Teixeira, Jane Lew, WV; Robert B. Smith, Lost Creek, WV; and, Irma Curtis, Weston, WV.

Ron Iaconone of West Virginia University and Ralph Brim, publisher of the Morgantown Dominion Post, met with the committee and offered suggestions for grants to finance the publication of a pictorial history of Lewis County.

After reviewing the nearly 300 pictures which have been collected to date, the committee decided to proceed with grant applications through several foundations and to continue to solicit old photographs from the public.

The last history of Lewis County, written by Edward C. Smith, was published in 1920. The face of Lewis County has changed considerably in the past two decades with the construction of I-79, new route 33 (Corridor H), and the Stonewall Jackson Dam.

Anyone with old photographs of people, buildings, places, etc., in any area of Lewis County are asked to submit them for possible inclusion in the book. Identification of names, date taken, and location should be included. Although every effort will be made to return originals to the owner, a reprint should be submitted if possible. No photocopies please. Photos may be mailed to Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants, PO Box 37, Jane Lew, WV 26378.

OLD GERMAN NAMING SYSTEM

This system was the rule of thumb for naming children in early German families. Cris Wagoner, Tacy, TX, thought it might be helpful to researchers.

1st son named after the father's father
2nd son named after the mother's father
3rd son named after the father
4th son named after the father's eldest brother

1st dau named after the mother's mother
2nd dau named after the father's mother
3rd dau named after the mother
4th dau named after the mother's eldest sister.

GENEALOGITIS

There is a new disease these days
For which they have no cure,
So if it gets a grip on you
"You've had it, that's for sure."

This genealogitis
(At least that's what I call it),
Has no known vaccination that
Can ever quite forestall it.

In fact, I'm stuck with it myself,
I know where-of I speak,
This stuff has kept progressing
'Till it almost leaves me weak.

Some symptoms of this dread disease
Are buying up old books
You'll find yourself in grave-yards
And dusty attic nooks.

You write all kinds of letters, for
No stone is left unturned.
Sometimes for only postage stamps
A gold-mine is returned.

Just let me say in closing that
When all is said and done,
This malady has brought me a joy
And such a lot of fun.

by Ruby Price

This poem, submitted by an unidentified member, was
found on the bulletin board at the Chicago Archives.

SPECIAL THANKS!

Jacob Jackson, brother of our Acting Secretary, has
done a computer index of the Unpshur County Marriages for
our library. Thanks a heap!

FOR SALE

Family charts on the following lines: Straley, Lowther and Wetzel at \$1.00 each. Hughes, Sleeth and Linger/Strader at \$2.00 each. Bonnett/Westfall at \$3.00. The following are \$5.00 each: (1) Hacker; (2) Smith (4 sheets) and related families, McWhorter, Linger, Swisher, Barnett, Bonnett, etc.; (3) Crites/Hunt/Bennett/Brake/Pringle/Liggett, etc.; (4) Wolfe (2 sheets), relates families: Alkire, Keith, Cutright, Pringle, Reger, Hacker, Westfall, Sleeth, Bennett, etc.; (5) Cox/Eskew/Roby/Riffle/Ratcliff, etc. (3 sheets); (6) Bush/Carpenter, etc.; (7) Cutright (4 sheets) and related families: Westfall, Wolfe, Bennett, Casto, Pringle, VanGilder, etc.; (8) Mitchell-Godfrey-Roby-Curtis, etc.; (9) Flesher (3 sheets); (10) Riffle (2 sheets); (11) "Stonewall Jackson (3 sheets) at \$10.00. I have charts on the entire Queen family book by Post. . . will do one line for \$1.00 each. Example: Amstead Queen and his two wives, Sarah Norman and Minnie Jett. Write Mrs. Janet Cosgrove, P.O. Box 6321, Ocala, FL 32678-6321.

YESTERYEARS

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YESTERYEARS

By Bill Adler

YESTERYEARS — Some New Information on the Waggoner Family Massacre, as Revealed in the Recently Discovered Obituary of Elizabeth Waggoner Hardman.

I have not read extensively in the field of 18th century Appalachian frontier history, but I would be much surprised to learn there is any story more dramatic than that of the John Waggoner family, who lived and, in part, died on Jesse's Run in the late 1700's. In terms of terror, gruesome murder, tragic torment and pathos, it must rank at the very apex in any list of tales of white man-Indian warfare, in the East or the West. The Waggoner epic has been told and re-told, printed and re-printed, most recently in the "Democrat" just a few years ago (1), when I compared the ordeal of Peter Waggoner with that of Patty Hearst almost 200 years later; both were kidnapped and held captive in exceptionally hostile environments, and both made the same kinds of psychological adjustments to their fates.

The story of Peter Waggoner, who survived his long capture and lived into his 90's, not dying until 1879, is by far more engrossing than that of the other members of his family. In fact, as far as my research has gone, I conclude that little was ever written about his father John or his two sisters, Mary and Elizabeth, who lived through the ordeal of massacre and kidnapping. Therefore, I was especially happy recently to find an 1854 Weston newspaper in the archives at West Virginia University that included the obituary of Elizabeth. It also revealed a few facts of John Waggoner's background, some things that other writers, such as Alexander Scott Withers and L. V. McWhorter, apparently did not know. From the Weston "Herald" Issue of March 6, 1854:

OBITUARY - Died, on the 1st day of February, 1854, at her residence on Little Skin Creek, Mrs. Elizabeth Hardman, consort of the Rev. John Hardman, in the 74th year of her age. All who are acquainted with the history of Mrs. Hardman, and the family with which she was formerly identified, will be free to admit that her life was an eventful one, and attended with more afflictions than often fall to the lot of man.

Her father, John Waggoner, was a revolutionary soldier (2), and participated in some of the most sanguinary conflicts that occurred during "the days that tried men's souls"; and it is but due to him to say that he was never known to be wanting in any of the constituent qualities of a good soldier, but uniformly displayed that undaunted courage characteristic of those iron-souled heroes of that memorable war. He took a part in the engagement at Yorktown and witnessed the surrender of Cornwallis — an event that will be commemorated as long as the star-spangled banner shall wave over "the land of the free and the home of the brave."

At the termination of the war, Mr. Waggoner returned to his residence on the South Branch of the Potomac, where the subject of this notice was born on the 5th day of November, 1779. His country, now deformed by the hand of civilization, no longer presented charms sufficient to satisfy the spirit of adventure peculiar to his nature. He, therefore, determined to leave the haunts of his childhood and push into the wilderness; and accordingly emigrated to North Western Virginia and settled on Jesse's Run, a tributary of Hacker's Creek.

At that period, this populous country was almost entirely an uncultivated waste, inhabited by wolves, panthers and other beasts of prey. The few humble cottages which the enterprising settlers had erected were surrounded by sombre forests, which shed a melancholy grandeur over the useless magnificence of nature and hid in their deep shades the rich soil which the sun had seldom warmed. For a while, the few brave and adventurous spirits who had made their homes in this sequestered spot were permitted to enjoy, unmolested, that mode of life congenial to their nature. But ere long, they were attacked by the merciless savages, who burned their peaceful dwellings and murdered their women and children with indiscriminating barbarity.

On the 6th day of May, 1792, a party of Shawanese (sic) Indians, with the since justly celebrated General Tecumseh at their head, approached the little mansion where Mr. Waggoner's family were quietly domiciled. Mr. Waggoner, who was at some distance from the house, was observed by Tecumseh, who immediately discharged at him the contents of his gun; but fortunately the leaden messenger of death failed in its errand and left him (Waggoner) uninjured, who, looking in the direction of his house, beheld it already surrounded by the residue of the Indians.

Knowing that resistance would be in vain and only tend to excite these savage fiends to greater acts of cruelty, he made use of the only means left him whereby he might escape the hard fate of his family and fled from before his wild adversary. Tecumseh, finding himself outstripped by the swift-footed hunter, soon gave up the pursuit and joined the party at the house, which, after killing and scalping a child that they found in the yard, had made prisoners of Mrs. Waggoner and her children, among whom was Mrs. Hardman, then about 12 years old.

They now departed with all possible dispatch, but finding that a portion of their captives were not able to travel with much speed, and wishing to be stripped of every impediment to a swift retreat, they fell upon them with their tomahawks and murdered them with every aggravation of savage cruelty, leaving their mangled bodies strewn promiscuously along the way, weltering in crimson gore.

Mrs. Hardman, who witnessed this horrible deed by which she was robbed of an affectionate mother, a dear little brother, and a lovely sister, was now borne far away from her native land, to the Indian towns on the Maumee River (4), where, agreeably to the custom of the Indians, she was exposed to sale and purchased by a squaw, who exacted of her the hardest kind of servitude. It may not be improper here to say something in relation to Tecumseh, who, though a savage, was yet a magnanimous chief. Although an inveterate enemy of the whites, he did much to alleviate the sufferings of his prisoners.

Observing one day Mrs. Hardman's tyrannical mistress beating her in a most shocking and cruel manner, he immediately interposed, and with menacing gestures and commanding voice, bade her to abandon not only for the present but in time to come such detestable acts of barbarity. This was only one among the many instances in which he manifested a regard for the welfare of the prisoners.

At this early period, he had acquired a reputation of which even his tribe could boast. He could easily be distinguished from any of the rest of his tribe by his athletic frame and complacent countenance, which are the sure indices of a great soul. He was remarkable for his eloquence, to which he was indebted more than to any other cause, for the veneration in which he was held by his subjects, who were not slow in yielding obedience to his mandates. They would listen in mute astonishment to his matchless harangues, while their passions over which he wielded an almost absolute sway seemed to flow in the same channel with his.

Such was the person and the character of Tecumseh, the renowned chief of the Shawanese, as given by Mrs. Hardman, and it is in strict accordance with what is said of him by his biographers. But to approximate to our subject. Mrs. Hardman soon became weary of living in the forest among the assassins of her countrymen. She longed to return to the bosom of her broken-hearted father, and the associates of her childhood.

About this time (late in the Fall of 1793), Gen. Wayne (5) began his campaign against the Indians, who were actively engaged in preparing to give him battle. For several days, company after company of the warlike tribes thronged the Shawanese towns. Brandishing above their heads the gleaming steel, they made the woods resound with their war whoops and savage yells. At length they all left the towns and repaired to the place whither they expected to meet Gen. Wayne.

Mrs. Hardman and another captive (then Miss Sallie Johnson) now determined on attempting their escape. Having succeeded in eluding the vigilance of the Indians, they set out late in the evening and directed their steps toward Detroit. They had not travelled far before the sable curtain of night closed around them. But animated by the prospect of being restored to the society of their friends, they continued to travel the whole night through the dreary wilderness. Sometime during the next day, they met a white man, an Indian trader, who furnished them with some provisions and gave them directions how to proceed in order to escape detection and reach the settlements.

They now travelled many miles without seeing a human being, but were, at length, overtaken by two white men who conducted them safely to a settlement at Detroit, where Mrs. Hardman remained with a Mr. Sisney until after the treaty was concluded with the Indians in 1795. Mr. Sisney, her kind benefactor, they conveyed her to the neighborhood of Wheeling and left her with her uncle Lewis Bonnett. Thence she was conveyed to her father, whose joy at meeting with his long-lost child may be better imagined than described.

At the age of nineteen, she stood before the hymeneal altar and plighted her faith to her now bereaved husband. She afterwards became the mother of 13 children, 11 sons and two daughters. About 45 years ago, she embraced Religion and attached herself to a branch of the Methodist Church. She ever afterward "maintained her integrity" and "walked before the Lord in the beauty of holiness." She, by her Christian virtues, initiated herself into the favor of all who knew her, exhibiting in all the walks of life gentleness, and a sweet disposition of soul and temperment of mind. As a companion, she was kind and dutiful, as a mother, mild and affectionate, and as a neighbor, amiable and benevolent.

During the illness which preceded her dissolution, she evinced a spirit of Christian fortitude and resignation. She assured the weeping friends that surrounded her dying couch that she still felt that "sweet peace" within her that had sustained her so long amid the chequered scenes of life's vacillating fortune. As life was ebbing out and dissolving nature crumbling to dust, though suffering the most excruciating pain, she being asked by some friends how she was, exclaimed in holy triumph, "All is well," (or used words of similar import), and breathed her life out sweetly into the hands of her Heavenly Father.

"The chamber where the good man (or woman) meets his (or her) fate is privileged above the common walks of life, quite on the verge of Heaven." She has left a large circle of friends to mourn their loss, among whom are her aged companion and disconsolate children. Oh, may they be resigned to the will of the Lord, "whose ways are above our ways," and be enabled to say with His servant Job, "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord," and

"When the dream of life is fled,
When those wasting lamps are dead,
When in cold oblivion's shade,
Beauty, wealth and power are laid,
Where immortal spirits reign,
There may they all meet again."

FOOTNOTES:

- (1) The Weston "Democrat" of February 25, 1978.
- (2) The American Revolution.
- (3) That is, 1854.
- (4) Near present-day Toledo, Ohio.
- (5) "Mad Anthony" Wayne.

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YESTERYEARS

By Bill Adler

YESTERYEARS — Household, Farm and Garden Advice as Offered to Lewis Countians in 1882 by the Weston "Democrat" and Weston "Republican"

A century ago, the county weekly papers were almost the sole sources of current information in the homes of rural America. In Lewis County, no more than a handful of people received the city dailies from Wheeling, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Baltimore and New York. (1) Even fewer subscribed to the small number of national magazines then being published. And, of course, there was no radio or television. Consequently, as a service to their readers, the weeklies, including the Weston "Democrat" and Weston "Republican", printed a lot more than local news and politics.

Their columns also contained housekeeping advice, recipes (2), farm and garden tips, animal husbandry counsel,



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JONATHAN COBURN II and HIS FAMILY
by Mona J. Mattingly

Editor's Note: Mona's article which begins on the following page will be helpful to researchers of several early families on Hacker's Creek. Along with her article, Mona submitted some problems that she is trying to solve. She said,

"What I am interested in is finding others who are descended from this Jonathan Coburn, and who can corroborate or refute my assumptions and conclusions. I have corresponded with Hartzel Strader, and he does not agree that Jonathan's first wife was Mary Granger. He thinks that Jonathan Coburn III married Mary Granger in 1801, but Jonathan III's death certificate very clearly states that he was 73 when he died on 4/23/1883, that his parents were Jonathan & Mary (had to be Margaret Radcliff, which even Strader says could be Mary Margaret) and the death was reported by his wife Margrette Coburn (which is Margaret Power) and their marriage is recorded as 6/11/1835 in Harrison Co.

"I can connect Jonathan back to his grandfather James Coburn I who was probably born in 1690 in Chester Co., PA, but I have no concrete evidence to tie him to William Coburn and his father Thomas who arrived in Chester Co. in 1682. I know that James purchased land here in Franklin Co. PA in 1735 before he went to Hampshire Co., WV, as did his son Jonathan I, so it is certainly reasonable to suppose he came west from Chester Co. with his son and on down into WV. Also William and Thomas are well documented as to their arrival, marriages, etc. However, I am stymied by the inability to get any information on William's children, so as to see if James fits in

" . . . I would be happy to supply information on the Reger, Simon, Love, Rohrbaugh and Queen lines, which I believe also fall into the Hacker's Creek area "

RN 42 JONATHAN COBURN II

Captain Jonathan Coburn was born Aug. 16, 1750 in Augusta Co., VA. (S6) He was the son of Jonathan I and Catherine Coburn who settled in Monongalia Co. ca 1770, bringing with them their two sons James & Jonathan and daughter Catherine. His first wife was Mary Granger whom he married between 1766 (his daughter Catherine's death certificate gives her date of death 8/20/1853, her age 87 yrs., making her birth 1766) and 1775/6 (1776 being the date of birth some have given for Catherine)

1777-1779 - Military service Numerous sources state that Jonathan Coburn entered service as Capt. of 13th VA Regulars, under Colonel Thomas Gibson in Monongalia Co., VA & served from Aug. 1777 to Sept. 26 1779, that he was discharged at Pittsburg.

HOWEVER, in 1820 Jonathan presented a petition for assistance to the General Assembly of VA, stating that, while he was offered a Captain's Commission from Col. Zachariah Morgan, then county Lieutenant of Monongalia Co. authorizing him to enlist a company of men to serve 3 yrs., he did not make up his company and therefore never joined the Regt. In 1779 he was asked by Col John Evans to round up some men and was appointed Ensign of them, went to Pittsburg, joined Capt. Mason's Co. and was appointed Ensign of that. He was discharged later in Pittsburg, returned home, gave up his "old Captains Commission to said Morgan" and moved to Clarksburg. He then writes of his experiences as an indian fighter (1781 & 1797) and spy (1790, Harr. Co.; 1792, Oneals Sta. on little Kanhawa Riv.) and ranger (see 1793-1795 below). He ends by stating he is in his 70th yr., since last Aug. 16th, and is blind and palsied. Wm. & Robt. Lowther attest to this petition. (Copy of S6 in file)

1780 - Lewis Bonnet aged 71 yrs. and Peter Bonnett aged 69 yrs. declared on oath on 5 Feb. 1833 that they voluntarily entered the service of VA on the western waters about the year 1780 to descend the Ohio river to act for an indefinite period against the Indians, that they embarked on the West Fork of the Monongahela river, and descended it with many men from what is now Harrison, Randolph and Lewis counties. That they were under command of Major Wm. Lowther, Captain Jonathan Coburn, Ensign Benj. Sills, that they were kept a while at Red Stone Fort (now Brownsville) thence to Newell's Store (Elizabeth now) and, about there and Pittsburg and Mature's Island below Pittsburg, procured boats and provisions to take them down the river to join General Clark. They think the trip down the Ohio was in the spring of 1781. (S3, p. 256)

1781 - Certificate issued by comms. for 1st dist. (Monon., Yohogania & Ohio Co's) to Jonathan Coburn for 300 ac. on W. Fork of Monon. Riv. in bent of Riv. to include his settlement made in 1775. (S2, p. 42)

Certificate above plus another, found (S18) --- "that Jonathan Coburn is entitled to 300 acres of land in Monongalia County on the West Fork of the Monongalia River in the bent of the river and to include his settlement made in the year 1775. Given under our hands at Col. John Evans this 8th day of March in the 5th year of the Commonwealth. (signed) John P. Duvall, James Neal, William Haymond Entered 22 June 1781" (p.152)

--- "that Jonathan Coburn is intitled to 1,000 acres of land in Monongalia County in the right of Preemption adjoining to his settlement made on the West Fork of the Monongalia in the year 1775. Given under our hands at Col. John Evans 8 Mar 1781. (Commissioners same as above) Entered 22 June 1781" (p.152)

NOTE: Is this the same 1000 acres assigned to J.C. by John Burk, 6/25/1781? (S54, Vo. II, #1 in f)

1782 - Jonathan Coburn was head of a household of 6 white souls in Monongalia Co. (Harrison, of course was not formed until 1784) Jonathan I died in 1781, so it has to be Jonathan II. His family must have included Catherine, Mary, Rebecca and either his mother or Susan or Nancy, assuming that he had a wife at the time. (S22-525)

1784 - From the proceedings of a court held for Harrison Co. on the third Tuesday in Aug. 1784, Jonathan Coburn, plaintiff vs Jesse Hughes, defendant on a petition; suit agreed. (S2, p.199)

1785 - The records of Harrison County show that Jonathan Coburn on June 27th, 1785 entered 200 ac. on Sycamore Crk. to include the Mud Lick, and on Oct. 1, 1785, he entered 200 ac. on Coburn's Crk. adjoining and between the lands of Henry Runyon, Isaac Davisson and his settlement whereon he now lives (S2, p.52)

8/15/1785 - Survey made for Jonathan Coburn (Assignee of Henry Banks) for 200 ac. in Harr. Co. in part of a land office treasury warrant of 500 ac. N deg. 23055, dated 24 Dec 1783 on Sycamore Crk. on S. side of lands claimed by John Haymond. (S7 Bk. ?-141)

1785 - J. Coburn on list of tithables on W. Fork Riv. (S2 p. 275)

1785 - In a U.S. Population Enumeration taken, Jonathan Coburn's household numbered 7 (he as head of the household, his wife (?), and 4 ch: Catherine, Rebecca, Mary, and either Susan or Nancy). The seventh person was probably Jonathan's mother Catherine Coburn who was widowed and lived with him. There is a

- tradition among some of Jonathan's descendants than an older woman would cross the river to the Cain Settlement and administer to the sick. This undoubtedly would be an older person. The Cain Settlement was across the West Fork River from the Coburn Settlement and the Lowther Settlement four or five miles farther away. (S1, p. 18)
- 1786 - Jonathan Coburn granted 300 ac. on the waters of the Monongahela River (Bk. 3-246) Book #W33.34 Cat. #T454 (S5)
- 1786-1824 - Jonathan on list of tithables. (S54, V.IV, #1 - #N12-12)
- 1787 - Jonathan Coburn granted 400 ac. on Stout's Run (Bk. 2-291) Book #W52S Cat. #T283 (S5)
- 1788, Apr. 22 - Jonathan Coburn & Margaret his wife to Peter Kinshols - 400 ac. on Stout's run. (S12)
- 1788, Apr. 23 - Jonathan Coburn & Margaret his wife to Jacob Bennett - 11 ac. on West Fork River. (S12)
- 1789 - At the first election for President at the Court House in Clarksburg, 7 Jan 1789, where they voted for an elector, Jonathan Coburn was listed. He was a clerk of the election. (S2, p.410)
- Jonathan Coburn was in a list of J.P.'s prior to the year 1800 along with Wm. Lowther, Wm. Haymond, John Haymond, John Radcliff. (S2, p. 428)
- 1791 - William Haymond was a friend of Jonathan's and, in a letter to Luther Haymond in 1842, he tells him about a trapping voyage he and Jonathan took around the last of Feb., 1791. He said that they were debating whether to go up the river again to the mouth of West Fork to hunt, but Coburn, having a family, was opposed to returning. In his next letter he again refers to a trip with Jonathan as having taken 40 days or more. (S2, p.352ff)
- 1792 - Pay abstracts for scouts ordered into service under instructions from the Executive in the year 1792 show from Harrison Co. - Jonathan Coburn in service from 29 Mar to 1st Dec, 1792, 248 days. (S4, vol. 7, p. 469) (GT021)
- 1793 - June 14, Capt. James Wood, arriving in the Monongalia Dist., and finding that the two ensigns who had been appointed had not filled their quotas of men, he appointed Jonathan Coburn & Bartholomew Jenkins to succeed them. (S4, vol. 6, p. 404)
- 1794 - On Sept. 8 Capt. Wm. Lowther, in a letter to the Governor, said that he had appointed the mouth of Middle Island for Ensign Coburn's station, "He marched but the place being uninhabited and he destitute of camp kettles was under the necessity of returning, and is now stationed in a very exposed part of the country. Asks for instructions as to furnish implements to erect a garrison. Thinks he cannot impress them." (While Coburn was gone, the Indians attacked the upper settlement on West Fork. Was this the area upon which Coburn's family resided?) (S3, p. 269)
- 1795 - William Lowther to the Governor of VA, Feb. 21, 1795 in a letter, writes of having sent his papers and those of Ensign Coburn with ration abstracts for both of them and their men as there was no one within 100 miles of them to authorize dispersement of their rations. He begs leave to mention that their scouts and rangers have rec'd no compensation for their 2 last yrs. services while other counties had rec'd partial pay. (S3, p. 268)
- 10/19/1815 - Jonathan C. surveyed 100 ac. by virtue of part of a land office treasury Warrant for 1000 ac. N deg. 5476 (Harr. Co. on Flint Run)
- 2/18/1820 - Survey for Jonathan C., assee. of Hezekiah Stout, assee. of Elias Lowther, 52 ac. by virtue of part of a land office treasury Warrant for 754 ac. N deg. 6365, dated 21 Sep 1818, Harr. Co. at the head of the 1st run that empties into the westerly side of the West Fork above the Bethel meeting house (S7 - Bk. 5-4) (H12-11)
- 11/10/1820 - Jonathan Coburn made oath according to law that Anthony Haley was in the Rev. war under Abraham Bleuford's Regt., Capt. Catlett's Co. of the VA line (S7 - Court record, Bk. 1-132)
- Jonathan probably m. Margaret Radcliff sometime between 1781 and 1783. Rebecca was a daughter of Mary Granger, and if Mary d. in 1780 or 81, there would be time for Jonathan to have married Margaret who would then be the mother of Susan (or Nancy) and this would make seven in the family as per the Population Enumeration of 1785. Daughter Margaret has to be the child of Margaret (Radcliff) and she is not born until 1787. Thus the issue by Margaret Radcliff: Susan (or Nancy), Margaret, Nancy (or Susan), James, Stephen, Jonathan III & John.
- Margaret Radcliff was the daughter of Daniel Stephen Radcliff, who was killed by the Indians in the Brush run section of Harrison Co. in 1784. He also had a son Stephen. (S12)
- Polly Radcliff is mentioned in the Susannah Stalnaker Bible as a d/o Daniel Stephen Radcliff and as the wife of a Coburn. (Part III of "Radcliffs of Hacker's Creek", S54 - vol.1-2-90)
- Margaret Radcliff was also stated as being the 2nd wife of Jonathan in the notes of my father, and in (S1).
- Phoebe Ambler (wife #3) m. Jonathan Coburn 22 May 1816 (S8, p.95)

Phebe Ball m. Peter Ambler 10/14/1811 by Phineas Wells (BB16). Could this be the Phoebe Ambler that m. Jonathan in 1816?

According to a DAR application submitted in 1983 (S17), Jonathan's death is assumed to be ca April, 1833. also in this application Margaret Radcliff is referred to as Jonathan's wife #2, b. 1759 and d. before 4/22/1788 (???).

CHILDREN:

- (1) Catherine Coburn, according to her death record which was reported by her son, Charles C. Queen, d. at the age of 87 yrs. (S7-Bk.1-2)

This would make her birth in 1766 (see 1st paragraph)

Catherine m. Joseph Lowther 1/4/1796 by Rev. Loofbouroow (S7-Bk.1-31)

Joseph was a brother of Col. William Lowther and Jonathan Lowther who was killed by the indians with Thomas Hughes. (S1)

Catherine m. again 8/3/1802 to Levi Queen, also in Harr. Co. (S7-Bk.1-57)

She was buried near Peel Tree.

- (2) Mary Coburn m. 3/16/1789 in Harrison Co., Thomas Lowther (3/7/1767-1816) (S7, Bk. 1-10) (HN15-19)

Thomas's will, dated 5/19/1816, devises to Catherine Switzer; Jesse, Elias, William, sons; Peggy, Nancy, dau; children of Catherine Switzer. Made in Harr. Co. (S69-121) I don't know who Catherine Switzer is, but this certainly appears to be this Thomas Lowther's will. Minnie K. Lowther gives only 4 children for Thomas and Mary: Robert, Jesse, Elias, Mary. (S12)

Polly Coburn m. Josiah Ellison 1/26/1829. - Giles Co. VA (Bk. 1-34, c. in file) (S9)

- (3) Rebecca Coburn was born 12/11/1779 and m. 5/3/1804 by the Rev. John Davis to Eliary (Elias) Lowther in Harr. Co., W.V. (S7-Bk. 1-75)

Elias was the 5th and youngest son of Col. William Lowther. He was born 9/16/1776 in Harrison Co. After marrying the sister of his brother Thomas' wife, he remained there until 1820 when he moved to Ritchie Co. and erected the first cabin on the Zimri Flannagan Farm, above Berea. He served in the VA Legislature from Harr. Co., was a major in the militia, but in later life he lost his mind and was committed to the hospital for the insane in Staunton, where he died. Rebecca died a few years later in the home of Jonathan C., her son in Berea. They had 9 ch.: Polly, Decatur, Jesse M., Sarah, Elizabeth, Mary, Dorinda, William & Jonathan C. (S14-17)

Col. William Lowther (RN1084), b. Albemarle Co., VA 12/22/1743, d. Harr. Co. on 10/23/1814 (S12 & S65). McWhorter gives b. date as 12/22/1743. Lewis gives yr. as 1743. McWhorter gives b. place as "within the bounds of the territory then known as Augusta Co., VA (S3-240).

The Col. was m. to Sudna Hughes (RN1085) (ca 1748-1829), d/o Thomas Hughes, Sr. and was the s/o Robert & Aquilla (Rees) Lowther. By 1764, the names of both Robert and William Lowther appeared in records of warrants & surveys of Hampshire Co. (S54-vol.VIII-4-36). Ch:

Robert - m. Katherine Cain 10/1/1765 (see above in 1785 paragraph)

William, Jr. - m. Margaret Morrison

Jesse - m. Mary Ragan

Elias - m. Rebecca Coburn (3)

Thomas - m. Mary Coburn (2) (S12 & S54)

All of his sons were early settlers of Union District, Harrison Co., as was Jonathan Coburn II. Union District was bounded on the south by West Fork, which runs through its eastern portion. Kincheloe, Isaac, Two Lick, Big Buffalo, Coburn & Sycamore creeks lie within it. (S63)

- (4) Susan Coburn m. 10/20/1812 Joseph Alkire, s/o John. (S7-Bond Bk. 2-405) Joseph settled on or near the present site of Brownsville on Skin Creek after the close of the Indian Wars. He was followed by Stephen Coburn, his bro. in law. Brownsville is only a few miles above Weston on the West Fork River. (S13-135)

- (5) Margaret Coburn, b. 6/2/1787, Harr. Co., m. William B. Lowther 8/29/1809 (Harr. Co. Bk. 1-108) (S8), and d. 5/10/1882 in Ritchie Co., W.V. William was b. 3/6/1788, Harrison Co., and d. 10/19/1867, still in Harrison. Margaret must have gone to live with Rebecca after William's death. According to Minnie K. Lowther in (S14), William B. was the son of Robert Lowther, which would make him a grandson of Col. William. (S14)

- (6) Nancy Coburn m. Isaac Cox 6/19/1814 by Rev. Jos. Cheuvront (S7-Bk. 2-26) According to the ancestral chart of Linda Waldeck, Isaac, b. ca 1792, d. 3/21/1875, was the s/o Isaac Cox, Sr. (6/25/1743- 1838) and Sarah Sutton (ca 1750-1828), gr. s/o Philip Cox (1709-1795) and Hannah Trembly, b. ca 1715. She gives Nancy Coburn's birth date as ca 1795 (which is certainly not unreasonable). Ms. Waldeck goes on to say that

Nancy & Isaac had a son Philip (6/1/1836-8/19/1893) who m. 1/7/1864 in Lewis Co. Benjinnie Herbert (1/6/1843-1918). Isaac and his father resided in Harrison Co. WJ. (S54-vol I, part 1 & 2) (Y89a)

- (7) James Coburn (12/1/1805-9/30-1878) m. 12/19/1833 Harr. Co. Anna Maria White (2/5/1814-3/25/1888), d/o John and Amelia Hopkins Coburn. Their data is on group sheet RN22-RN23.

- (8) Stephen Coburn - b. in OH in 1805 (1850 census records in Lewis Co. show him as age 45, but 1860 census of Lewis Co. shows him age 50, which would make his birth date 1810. No listing in 1880). (Since I know James was born in 1805, and only two sons were added to the family between 1800 and 1810 according to those census, and Jonathan III or Jonathan Holt Coburn was born in 1809, I think Stephen must have been born in 1810. According to the account in (S12), writer suggests that he may have been named after his mother's bro. Stephen Radcliff (assuming his mother to be Margaret Radcliff) who was a prominent land owner in Harr. Co., or his gr. father Daniel Stephen Radcliff.

There is a difference of opinion as to his birth place, but the records of the Weston State Hospital where he died in 1879, show that he was born in OH. His father Jonathan was stationed along the Ohio River at different times, and it is possible that he took his wife and family out to that region for a while, before returning to Harr. Co.

Stephen named his 2nd son Elias Lowther Coburn (sister Rebecca m. Elias Lowther) & his 2nd dau. Rebecca Jane Coburn (sister Rebecca). The fact that Elias Lowther's family was living in Lewis Co. in 1820 could be a reason for Stephen settling there instead of Harrison like his other brothers.

Stephen was m. to Eleanor Brady 9/23/1832 by Rev. Abner Mitchell (S13 - Bk. 1-74), d/o John & Susanna Ware Brady. She was b. 2/5/1811 in either Randolph or Upshur Co., d. 2/15/1897 at Weston, WJ.

Brady Line information - (S1, pp. 23,24)

Stephen became mentally ill after his sons went to war & maybe because his son Elias never recovered from wounds received in the war. He had 9 children (more information on them in S12)

Children of Stephen & Eleanor: John Wesley (m. Eleanor Moon), Elias Lowther, Telitha C., Rebecca Jane (m. Robt. Fleisher), Sarah B., Robinson Erwin, James William, Matilda, Virginia

James William must have been the William that is the subject of a clipping I found in (S12). It speaks of a William Coburn who d. in the home of a son Thomas Brady Coburn. He was b. Sept. 25th, 1850, the son of Stephen A. and Ellen Brady Coburn in Lewis Co. He m. Flora Ann Williams in 1876 and is survived by the widow and 9 children. It stated that he was the grandson of Captain Jonathan Coburn, commander of the 18th VA regiment in the Revolutionary War, who was b. Sept. 16, 1750 and who settled in Harr. Co., then VA after the war. "He was recorded among the landed gentry as a voter at the first presidential election. He was one of the first justices of the peace in Harr. Co., and was a commissioner of revenue for many years until the time of his death in 1832.

Captain Jonathan Coburn was a descendant of Edward Coburn who settled in America in 1650. Some of his descendants have taken part in every war in America. It is interesting to note that the name Coburn which means 'Black Bear' was first found in England after the coming of the Danes, who were sea fighters in the middle ages". (I have found no connection to the New England Coburns, of whom Edward was a member.) He is much more likely to come through Jonathan I, James, William & Thomas who arrived in Phila. in 1681.

- (9) Jonathan Holt Coburn (11/17/1809-4/22/1883) m. 6/11/1835, Margaret Power (S7-Bk. 3-95 c. in file)
W.W. Coburn d. 8/31/1885, Barb. Co., 35 yrs, b. Barb. Co., s/o J. & M., unwed, reported by bro. Ledrew (S10 - Bk. 7-2)

Death Cert. Jonathan Coburn (III) 4/22/1883, 73 yrs., parents Jonathan & Mary, b. Barb. Co., wife Margarette Coburn, reported by son (S10 - Bk. 1-76) (c. in file)

Will - Jonathan H. Coburn - mentions wife Margaret (Power), sons Worth, Ledru, Marshall W. and dau. Martha Tracey, 3/1/1883, Prob. 7/8/1884.

Deed 10/22/1868 between Jonathan Coburn and Mary, his wife (?) to Nathan Crichfield. (GR29a)

Children: Martha (4/28/1836-?) m. George Lewis Tracy 2/17/1858

Caroline, d. 18 yrs; John; Lilly May; Ledru, b. 9/7/1849, m. Mary Ellen Stewart 6/11/1882. She (9/19/1859-11/16/1883), d/o Jenson Jefferson & Nancy Jane (Benson) Stewart; Anna, d. age 5; Worth, the twin of Ledru (see his death cert. above under W.W.) not married; Marshall (3/1/1838-3/11/1911), m. Columbia Arnold 6/14/1863. He d. Hoisington, Barton Co., KS. She (10/23/1842-4/2/1917), d/o Jesse & Elizabeth (Byrne) Arnold also bur. at Hoisington. Marshall was member of the WJ Senate 1883-1885. 8 ch. (S12)

Will of Margaret Power in the Barb. Co. will bk.2-113.

- 14) John Marshall Coburn s/o Jonathan & Mary Granger Coburn (11/27/1811-2/15/1895), d. at 85 y., resided Jesse's Run, m. 4/5/1838 Olive Mary Dobson (7/26/1821-9/27/1868), d/o Richard & Sarah. She d. at age 57 and is buried beside John in Mt. Pleasant Cem., Jesse's Run, Lewis Co. WJ. (S12)

NOTE: either her birth or death date are wrong or age given is wrong. (see # 14a)

Richard Dobson d. 1/7/1874, age 80-11-27, & Sarah d. 4/30/1856, age 33-9-23.

Wife #2 Jemima Neeley (5/27/1827-6/8/1895), d/o Joseph Neeley, d. age 68 and is also buried at Mt. Pleasant.

John (60) m. Jemima (45) 6/9/1872 by Rev. G.W. Barrett (548)

J.M.'s will, prob. 1886 Lewis Co., names w/Jemima, sons Marcellus, Homer, Richard, Lee & dau. Sarah E. Queen (m. Andrew Jackson Queen, s/o Levi H. & Sarah Garrett Q.). One dau. not named is Susna Caroline, (S12)

(14a) Jesse Run Church Cemetery (near Jane Lew) on Jesse Run (S54, Vol. 1, #4, Apr. 1983) (MN12-11)

Coburn, John, b. 11/27/1811, d. 2/15/1896

Coburn, Olive, d. 9/27/1868 (47-7-26), w/o John (b. 2/1/1821)

Harmony Church Cem. - 1 mile E of Jane Lew on Berlin Rd.

Coburn, Jonathan P., d. 8/29/1849 (2-9-25), s/o John

Coburn, Mary Florence, d. 10/31/1845 (0-7-0), d/o John & O.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD

Wife	Name	Husband
RN23 GRANGER/GRANGER, MARY	COBURN, JONATHAN II	RN12
	Born	16 AUG 1752 AUG. CO. VA
	Married	1765-1775
	Died	1832 HARR. CO. VA
	Burial	
	Father	JONATHAN COBURN I RN68
	Mother	CATHERINE RN67
husband	(1801) wife #2 MARGARET RATCHER RN12	RN45

Notes 1772 - Spent 24 days, arrived 24 days, as per letter of settlement from said by said (S2-P128, 215)

Date married & spouse

#	Children in order of birth	Born Day Month Year	Where born	Died Day Month Year	Where died
IV	1 F CATHERINE RN57	1766	WESTON, WV	20 AUG 1832	PEEL TREE, WV
IV	2 M JACOB RN100	1767	GNATTY CRK.		BUR. OLD HOME CH. D.
IV	2 F MARY (POLLY) RN27	1771			
IV	3 M THOMAS LOWTHER RN100	7 MAR 1787		1874	
IV	3 F REBECCA RN231	11 DEC 1777			AGE 15-5 RITCHIE CO. WV
IV	3 M ELIAS LOWTHER RN100	16 SEP 1776	HARRISON CO.	14 DEC 1815	RITCHIE CO. WV
IV	4 F SUSAN RN233	1801 (S1)			
IV	5 F MARGARET RN232	2 JUN 1787	HARR. CO. VA	10 MAY 1866	RITCHIE CO. WV
IV	6 F WILLIAM B. LOWTHER	6 MAR 1788	HARR. CO. VA	19 OCT 1867	HARR. CO. WV
IV	6 F NANCY RN235	1792			
IV	7 M ISAAC COX RN237	CA 1792		21 MAR 1815	
IV	7 M JAMES RN22	1 DEC 1805		30 SEP 1878	NR. PEEL TREE
IV	8 M ANNA MARIA WHITE RN23	5 FEB 1814		25 MAR 1843	
IV	8 M STEPHEN A. RN236	1810	OHIO	15 JAN 1877	WESTON STATE HOSP.
IV	9 F ELLEN BRADY RN106	5 FEB 1811	RANDOLPH CO. VA	15 FEB 1871	WESTON, WV
IV	9 M JONATHAN III RN227	17 NOV 1807		22 APR 1887	MT. CALVARY CEM.
IV	10 M MARGARET POWER RN230	11 JUN 1835		1845	NR. PEEL TREE
IV	10 M JOHN MARSHALL RN237	27 NOV 1814		15 FEB 1875	MT. CALVARY CEM.
IV	11 M JEMIMA NEELY RN12	20 (JUN) 1792		1 JUN 1875	JESSE RUN CEM.
IV	12 M OLIVE MARY DOBSON RN12	1 FEB 1821		27 SEP 1867	"

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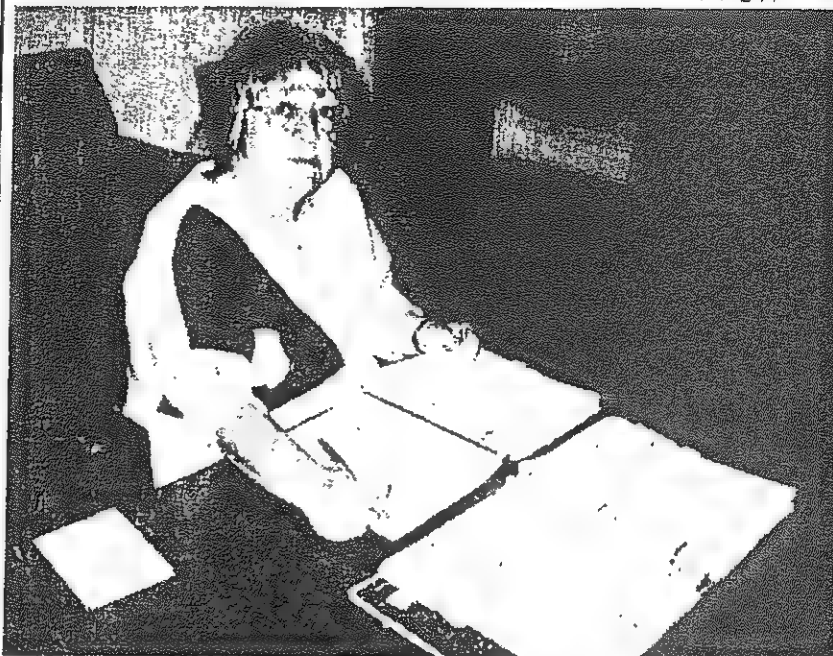
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- S4 Calendar of VA State Papers (RN42f)
- S5 Sim's Index to Land Grants (RN42f)
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ASSEMBLED RECORDS



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Woman places Lewis records from 1817-1865 into binders

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The records were first copied from the originals, filed in the Lewis County Courthouse by the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants (HCPD), with permission from the county commission and Mary Lou Myers, county clerk.

Pumphrey used a room in the Louis Bennett Public Library, leased by HCPD.

"These marriage bonds and licenses reveal not only the bride and groom, but the bondsmen, ministers and parents," said Robert Smith, vice president of HCPD.

"As a note of interest, the groom had to put up a bond of \$150 in those days," said Smith.

"The copies in binders are now more readily available, but of more importance, the originals, which are fragile, are protected from everyday use," said Maurice L. Allman, president.

The KESLING Family
by
Hartzel G. STRADER

This family surname has had various spellings such as KISLIN, CISLIN, KISLING, KESLING, KEESLING, KESLING and etc. The progenitors of the West Virginia KESLINGs and probably most of the United States were Christopher KESLING and wife Christina.

Christofull KESLIN (Christopher KESLING) or Christop KISLING came to America from the vicinity of Dreaden, Saxony, Germany, by way of Rotterdam, last from Cowes, England, arriving at the port of Philadelphia on the ship Neptune, John Mason master, qualifying on 14 Oct 1752.

Christopher and Christina were married about the year 1750 likely in Switzerland, as their son John was born on the Atlantic Ocean on their trip to the Colonies. They moved from Berks Co. about the year 1758 and settled in the vicinity of McGaheysville, Virginia. Many German families moved from Berks County about this time and settled in North Carolina and Virginia. The ones settling in the McGaheysville area established the Peaked Mountain Lutheran Church; one of the prominent pastors of that church was Rev. HERBER (HARPER), whose many descendants came across the mountains into what is now W.Va.

The first official record of him being in Virginia is his purchasing some items on 8 Feb 1759 at the estate sale of John WINGORD (Chalkley, Augusta Co. Va. records Vol. III pg 134). Next we have Christopher and wife Christina 10 Oct 1763 sponsors for a baptismal of a child for Martin HERRLOSS and wife Catherine LINGEL in the Peaked Mountain Lutheran Church. This establishes the fact the early KESLINGs were Lutherans.

In 1767-68 Christopher was "processioned" in Augusta Parish Vestry Book showing his name as Christopher CISLING. The purpose of this register was for military purpose and taxes.
Children:

1. John b. ca 1752, d. ca 1819 Pendleton Co., Virginia
m. ca 1776
w. Elizabeth RUNKLE b. before 1765, d. ca 1819
d/o Jacob RUNKLE
2. Teterick b. 16 Aug 1754, d. 23 Dec 1841, Warren Co., Ohio
m. 1781-2
w. Elizabeth FUDGE, widow b. 1760, d. 20 Apr 1829
3. Henry b. ca 1758, d. ca 1836 West Alexandria, Preble Co., Ohio
w. Mary PEILL
4. Jacob b. 18 Jan 1760, d. 23 May 1835 Rockingham Co., Va.
m. 1782
w. Barbara LINGLE, widow of Phillip LINGLE
5. Catherine
6. Elizabeth
h. ? Joseph LEWIS
7. Christina
8. Mathias - must have died young, probably 1774 to 1778

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Tetrick and Jacob served in the Revolutionary War. Teterick moved to Kentucky in 1791 and in 1795 to Lebanon, Warren County, Ohio, then in 1801 to Clearcreek near Springboro, Ohio which is about 25 miles south of Dayton, Ohio. Henry moved to Preble Co., Ohio in 1804, donated land to the building of the town West Alexandria which is about 15 miles west of Dayton, Ohio. Jacob when about 18 years old in 1778 was bound out to Phillip LINGLE to learn the wagonmaking trade. He got caught in the draft for the Rev. War and served as a teamster. After returning from service he married Phillip's widow and remained in Rockingham County. We know nothing about the daughters except what is in Christopher's Will shown later in this writing.

Christopher KISLIN died in the early part of 1774 probably as the result of an accident, as the records of Augusta County, Virginia show that an inquest was held over him. Augusta County Court Records, Order Book No. XIV pg 304 states "Christopher Kialing's (deceased) estate committed to widow, Christina March 15, 1774." His inventory indicated that he was a dyer by trade. Christina later married John HERDMAN, probably about 1778 as that was the time the son Jacob was bound out to learn the trade of wagonmaker. They lived in the Dayton, Rockingham County, Va. area.

Copied from the GRIM Family, written by Jennie Lucretia (GRIM) LONG: "The story of the Kisling Family dates back to the time of the Norse raiders who came down from Scandinavia to besiege the coast towns of England and France and later the more inland towns of other countries.

Very authentic family records reveal the fact that sometime between 1354 and 1372, the Norse raiders besieged the city of Eriach, Switzerland, and that among these Norsemen was one by the name of Kielig who when the army disbanded, decided to remain in Switzerland. This appears to be a custom that was prevalent throughout the army of raiders from Scandinavia. Many of these men made alliances with the families of the besieged, through marriage; and this was the reason for the man Kislig remaining in Switzerland".

"KISLIG's family grew with the country and possibly remained near to the land of his choice for many years to come, for tradition tells us that even to the present day, there stands, in mute testimony to this daring ancestor, a forest called Kislingwald".

"The Swiss Lexicon by Hans Jacob Fues, in Volume 10 and 11, page 115, records a Joat Kiazling as a resident of Bern, Switzerland in 1452. However, the family removed from this locality, and they are next found in Soluthurn, Switzerland, where Hans Kizzling was a resident 1499 to 1511, during which time he was actively engaged in various civil, political and military projects. For a time he was a Commissary in the Army. His son, Ludwig Kiazling, served in the Great Council, the Small Council, as Burgermaster, and other offices between the years 1533 and 1546.

It is well known that the Kiazlings had home-right in the Communes of Riggisburg, Reugfisburg, Steftigen, and Wattenwil, in

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the district of Steftigen. The records show a report from Fgizweibel (assistant Stadtholder) of Stafengen, that one, Daniel Kialig (Kiasling) on March 12, 1738, wished to emigrate from Switzerland to Carolina. The government had an inquiry made by the Burgerkammer (a board for the protection of the poor and of wards) as to ways of combating emigration. As early as 1724, a letter addressed to Daniel Kialig (Kiasling) of Wattenwyl, which came from Carolina, was ordered to be surrendered by the Rathsherren of Bern".

Augusta County, Virginia Wills Book 5, page 187

Will written 20 December 1773, probated 15 March 1774

Will of Christopher Kislen

A Will with Devise of Land, Goods & Chattles

In the name of God Amen, I Christofull Kislen of Lick Run, Augusta County, being weak in Body but of Sound Memory, (blessed be to God) do this Day being the twentieth Day of December in the year of our Lord God one thousand Seven hundred and seventy three make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner following:

That is to say, first I give to my son John Kislen five pounds current Lawful money of Virginia, also I give and bequeath to my son Tetrick Kislen the sum of five pounds current Lawful money of Virginia and the largest dying pott which is all I allow them out of my Estate. Also I give to my beloved wife Christina Kislen a cow and a Heffer, bed & bed clothes together with her wearing Apral, Spinning wheel and Chest and the least of the two largest mettle potts and a two gallon mettle pott and also after the estate is appraised and sold she shall be intitlled to a childs part and may live on the land until the children come of age but if she maryes she must quitt the said land as soon as Mathias Kislen is of age.

Also I give and bequeath to my Daughter Catherine a cow, and also I give Elizabeth and Christina my Daughters a Devision of Sheep, and also I give & bequeath to my two youngest sons Mathias and Henry Kislin the land which I now live on which contains 96 acres, which I value to 30 pounds.

C:K have to this my last will and Testament let my hand and seal the day & year above written. Signed Sealed and Delivered by the Law. C:K as and for his last will & Testament in the presence of us who were present at the signing and Sealing thereof.

(signed scrawled)

John (?Sellen)

(? Dietrich)

(?Jacobe)

At a court held for Augusta County, March the 15th 1774. This last Will and Testament of Christopher Kisling dec'd was proved

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by the oaths of the Witness thereto and ordered to be recorded and on their hand of Catharina the Widow who made oath according to law certificate is granted her for obtaining a probate thereof in due form she having with (?Secys) entered into and ackd (this bond) according to Law.

Test.

Recorded in the Augusta County Clerk's Office, Staunton, Virginia in Will Book 5, page 187.

COMMENT: Lick Run, Augusta County, Virginia later became to be in Rockingham County which was formed in 1778.

John KESLING was born 1752 on the Atlantic Ocean when his parents were on their way to the new World. He was probably the oldest child of Christopher and Christina, mentioned in his father's Will; receiving his share of the estate 19 May 1778 as recorded in Augusta County Will Book No. VI pg 31.

The first indication we have that John was married by the year 1776 is in Augusta Co., Va. Deed Bk 21 pg 364 where John and Elizabeth KISLING sold land 19 Nov 1776 to Martin FINDER, part of 226 acres patented to Jacob RUNKLE 30 Aug 1763, west of land where said RUNKLE lives. Jacob RUNKLE mentions daughter Elizabeth CISLIN in his Will probated in 1791; this land may have been deeded to her earlier as an inheritance, therefore this is how we tie the KESLING and RUNKLE families together. Next we have in Sept 1787 Rockingham Co. Vol. 000 pg 364 John KEISLING and wife to Peter RUNKLE (likely Elizabeth's brother).

The following are abstracts of deeds indicating where they lived: Vol. 3 pg 53 Pendleton Co., Va. Deeds 4 Sept 1798, Samuel REDMAN and Peggy Margarte his wife to John Keisling of Pendleton, 150 pounds current of Va., 100 acres in Pendleton on the Bullpasture Mountain being part of a tract of land granted to David Bell dec'd containing 250 acres patented 16 March 1770 with lines of Robert McCrays and John Davissan.

Vol. 3 pg 56 Pendleton Co. 4 Sept 1798: John Keisling and Elizabeth his wife of Pendleton to William Harris of Pendleton, 19 pounds, for 14 acres on the top of the mountain between Cowpasture and Bullpasture Rivers.

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Vol. 3 pg 59 Pendleton Co., Va. 4 Sept 1798: Samuel Redman and Margaret his wife and John Keisling and Elizabeth his wife of the one part and Samuel Wilson of the other part both of the county of Pendleton and state of Virginia, 150 pounds, for 232 acres, part of patent to John Chesnut and by him conveyed to John Keisling on Bullpasture Mountain. These deeds may have been granted some time previously, as much as 10 to 15 years and all recorded the same day. There was another land transaction made by John KEISLING 1 Sept 1801 in Pendleton Co. Vol. 3 pg 266 listed in Deed Index but the details not checked by this writer.

The 1810 Federal Census of Pendleton Co., Va. shows John KEESLING having possible children in the family ranging from ages 10 to 26. However we cannot find him anywhere in the 1820

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Census. They made a Land transfer on 23 Dec 1819 in Pendleton Co. Vol. 7 pg 362: John Keisling and Eliza his wife of Pendleton to Robert S. Hooks of Rockingham Co., \$1,000 for 100 acres in Pendleton on the Bullpasture Mountain, being part of a tract of land granted to David Bell dec's containing 250 acres 16 March 1770, joining lines of Robert McCray and John Davis.

A further statement which may or may not prove John KESLING being in Pendleton (in what is now Highland) Co. as stated in the History of Highland County by MORTON, page 110: "William Jordan was the overseer in 1790, had the road from the head of the Cowpasture southward to the old Pendleton line. His assistants were Francis Hayworth, Thomas Douglas and three sons, Thomas Devericks and one son, Henry Jones, Edward Morton, William Harris, John Keezle and son, and John Hatton". No other information has turned up a KEEZLE family living in that part of the country at that time. There is a town presently near Harrisonburg, Rockingham Co., Va. by the name of Keezletown which may have gotten it's name from a family by that name, but we are inclined to believe the clerk in recording the road overseeing order, wrote KEEZLE when he meant KESLING.

The family group of John and Elizabeth (RUNKLE) KESLING is listed as follows, based on statement of son William and the coordination of four genealogist researching the family ancestry.

1. John Jr. b. ca 1776 (on muster Roll 1796 as John CHESLING Jr.) res. Highland Co., Ohio
2. Jacob b. 1779, d. 29 Jan 1845 Barbour Co., Va.(W.Va.)
m. 1798 Pendleton Co., Va.
w. Mary P. BLACK b. 1779 Augusta Co., Va., d. 28 Jan 1853 Upshur Co., Va. (W.Va.)
d/o James & Mary BLACK
3. Catherine res. Augusta Co., Virginia
? m. 17 Nov 1812 Rockingham Co., Va.
? h. Henry HIGHDECKER
4. Teter b. 1786, d. ca 1858 Upshur Co., Va. (W.Va.)
m. 8 Oct 1818 Lewis Co., Va.(W.Va.)
w. Elizabeth BLACK d. before 1850
d/o Samuel & Mary BLACK
5. Elizabeth b. ca 1788
6. Henry b. 1790 res. Rockingham Co., Va.; occ. Blacksmith
7. William b. 22 May 1794, d. 30 Sep 1876 Sinking Springs, Highland Co., Ohio
w. Nancy b. 15 Oct 1794
8. Mary "Polly" b. ca 1796
m. 10 Feb 1820 Lewis Co., Va. (W.Va.)
h. Benjamin BARROT
9. Peter b. ca 1800 res. Highland Co., Ohio

Since John and Elizabeth sold land on 23 Dec 1819 in Pendleton County as stated in Vol. 7 pg 362 and the Census was taken in the Summer of 1820 it is possible both John and Elizabeth passed away in the early part of 1820 or they were listed in another household where a son-in-law is head of

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household, thus easily missed. Another observation is noted that earlier deeds they both signed their names, but this deed in 1819 they had an X mark, which may indicate they both were very ill in December.

The following is from the The Report, Winter 1978 Quarterly of the Ohio Genealogical Society, Vol. XVIII, Number 4, pages 141, 142, 143. In the 1870s, the Pike County Republican carried a series of articles called "Old Folks Interviewed", in which old persons in Pike County (Ohio) told the stories of their early days. The following is the story of William KESLING, son of John KESLING and therefore grandson of Christopher KISLEN and wife Christine:

WILLIAM KESLING (NUMBER XXV)
(Originally printed 3 October 1872)

I was born in Pendleton County, then in old Virginia, now West Virginia, on the head waters of the South Branch of the Potomac, on the 22nd day of May, 1794 -- consequently I am in my 79th year. My father's name was John. He was born on the sea while his parents were on their way from Germany to the United States. My brother, John, was a soldier in the Revolutionary army, an Ensign, I believe. Father married Elizabeth Runkle, who was a native German. They had nine children -- Peter, John, Jacob, Mary, Elizabeth, Henry, Teter, Catherine, William. I do not know whether any one of the above is living, except myself. Possibly Catherine is. She lived in Augusta County, Va., the last I heard from her. They all lived to marry and raised children, with the exception of John. He married, but his wife bore him no children. All but Catherine and Henry remained to settle in Ohio. My father gave his children what education the scanty privileges provided in those day permitted. My brother Henry was brought up a blacksmith, and he was a good workman; all the other brothers, including myself, were bred to farm work. It as the calling of a farmer I was following when I married, in 1818. In 1815, I came out from Virginia to Licking County, Ohio, with sister Elizabeth and her husband, Benjamin Lee. I worked there awhile, and then came to Sinking Springs, Highland County, on the 10th of June 1816. There I became acquainted with Nancy Buson, and married her, on the 26th of March, 1818. At that time I worked out by the day, took jobs of splitting rails (and have never been made President yet), grubbing, building, and any thing by way of labor that came to hand. I afterward rented, on Ohio Brush Creek, of my brother John, "Charlie" White, and old "Billy" Armstrong, father to the present "Billy" Armstrong, Esquire, of Benton Township. I finally bought fifty acres of Cadwallader Wallace, of Chillicothe, right out in the woods, about 2 1/2 miles south of Sinking Springs, in Franklin Township, Adams County, for which I paid \$2 per acre. There were a few acres of cleared land, and a log cabin on the place. But with my ax I cut down the trees, cleared the land, and soon had a house of my own. This was in March, 1825, when we had three children -- John, born January 30, 1819; Mary Ann, born June 8, 1821; Miriam, born

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February 27, 1825. She died July 22, the same year. We had born to us in this house all our other children, viz: Harriet, born June 27, 1826; Margaret Jane, born November 28, 1828; then twins, born January 24, 1831 -- Sanford and Amanda, who died within a few weeks; William Anderson, born April 26, 1834 -- eight in all.

We lived in the cabin 22 years, when we moved on the place then owned by my son John, now owned and occupied by Rev. C.G. Cox, in Mifflin Township. From thence, we moved on the place where we now live, on the road from Byington to Sinking Springs, and about three miles from the latter place. I bought a large tract of land, 500 acres or more, in 1850, and have lived here 22 years. I have sold off all the purchase, which I obtained of C. Wallace, to my neighbors, and sons and sons-in-law, and now find myself and aged wife, with whom I have lived more than 54 years, in the sere and yellow leaf of life, and unable by the infirmities of years, to take care of land, or hardly of ourselves. My son-in-law, Peter Cartwright, is now living on the old homestead, and we make our home with him and our daughter Harriet. They have had ten children - five of each sex. One, Jefferson, is dead.

John married Dolly Nace, by whom he had nine children, two of whom are dead. John met with sad death on the 19th of October, 1866, aged 47 years, 8 months and 19 days. He died of cholera supposed to have been communicated to him while on a visit to Cincinnati, for he died at home.

Mary Ann married John Nace, brother to Dolly, my son John's wife. They had ten children -- two are dead.

Margaret Jane married William Jones. They have had three girls, and all are living. Mr. Jones died December 7, 1858.

William Anderson and Anny Cross were married March 7, 1855. They have had five boys and two girls. One of the latter is dead.

All of my children who married settled around me in my immediate vicinity, and all the grandchildren are within a few hour's ride. This is agreeable to us, for we, like all grandparents, like to see the children and their children often, and I contrive to see them often. My wife remains mostly at home, and takes her delight in hearing me relate the incidents of my visits, and of greeting them at our house.

During war's fierce alarm, in 1813, I enlisted in the military service of the United States, and entered Norfolk, Va., July 20. I served six months, when I was discharged and returned home I was in Captain Joseph Larue's company, Sixth Regiment, West Virginia, Colonel Coleman. During the spring or summer of 1814, I joined a rifle company gotten up by John Botkin, and when the "general call" came, the company was ordered to march. But the war was soon over, and the country assured of peace; so I turned my warlike instruments aside, and took instead tools of industry, which I have plied all my life. I now enjoy a pension for my military services.

While living on the 50 acres in Adams County (1843), a mail route was established by law of Congress, from Sinking Springs, in Highland County, to Jackson Court-House, and I was the

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successful bidder for carrying the mail between those two points, which I continued to carry till July, 1864, with the exception of two years, when the route was discontinued from Piketon to Jackson. I started from my house early Thursday morning, went up to Sinking Springs, where the mail was given to me at six o'clock, which I mounted on my horse, and trudged on to the other end of my route, 44 miles by contract, but I think it was nearer 50 from my residence. I continued to go regularly from my house in Adams County till 1847, when I had to give up my property to pay a security debt, and take refuge on my son John's place, near Byington. There we remained till I bought my present homestead, when I used sometimes to have the mail brought to me from the Springs. I used to remain from home two nights, part of the time, five miles this side of Beavertown, with Jacob Bumgarner, and a part of the time with John Butcher, two miles this side of Beavertown, and some four years with Jacob Fallastein, in Beavertown. I had to be in Sinking Springs by six p.m. Saturday night, and almost always was on time, and always accomplished the trip, except there was something like high water to prevent. The original postoffices on the route were as follows: the first at Byington; second, at John Anderson's, known as Morgan's Fork; third, Jasper; fourth, Piketon; fifth, Beaver in Pike County; sixth, Meadow Branch in Jackson County; seventh, Jackson C.H. Latham was added within a few years since. This mail carrying was a tedious business, and only few men could have stood the service as well as I did. I was able to carry the mail nearly all the time, but at one time I caught the smallpox in Jasper, and was confined at home for some time. In consequence of that disease, I was left in a precarious condition, it having settled in my eyes, which troubles me to this day.

I was overtaken at Beavertown, by the ever-to-be-remembered Morgan Raid in July 1863. I had barely time to hide my mailbag in some tall weeds near the building where my horse was fed and stabled. Gen. Morgan was in a hurry to "go forward", so he detained me only one mail between Beavertown and Jackson. As he was going on the Jackson, after he left, I gathered up my mailbag and put back to Sinking Springs, and delivered the contents on my next trip. The postoffice at Beavertown was broken into by the Raiders, and all the letters opened and destroyed.

My wife's father's name was Aaron Buson, who was from Pennsylvania. She was born September 15, 1794. He married Margaret Nolind, and went to Kentucky, where my wife was born. They came into Ross County where they had two other children. When the third was but a suckling, her mother died, and her father put out the youngest to nurse, and returned to his kinsfolk in Kentucky, where he married Rebecca Lemmons, with whom he was acquainted in Pennsylvania in his boyhood days. By her he had three children. He came back on to Brush Creek, when my wife was about ten years of age, and lived there ever afterward, till his death, which occurred about fifty years ago.

I have been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church for 50 years; in politics I was a Democrat till 1856 when I became a Republican. I have uniformly voted since I became of age. If I

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live till the fifth of November next, I intend to vote for Grant and Wilson.

Jacob KESLING born 1779 probably on Bullpasture Mountain in what is now Highland County, Virginia, a son of John and Elizabeth (RUNKLE) KESLING. The only information we have to Jacob's marriage is given on page 378 History of Highland County, Virginia by Oren F MORTON which states Mary BLACK married 1798 Jacob KISLING: she being a descendant of Alexander BLACK who lived on Cowpasture River of that area. Many marriages of that area which later became Highland County never were recorded in the official court records as the circuit riding ministers failed to have them recorded, but found their way into the Calhoun Papers, which undoubtedly is where Mr. MORTON got his source of information.

The next information we have is Jacob KESLING was living in Beverly, Randolph County, Virginia (W.Va.) in 1810. The family group fits with that of a Jacob KESLAND in the 1820 Federal Census of Lewis County, Virginia (W.Va.). His occupational class was manufacturing, so he was likely a miller. The influence that brought them to Lewis County was probably, Mary's parents and brothers lived on Brushy Fork of what is now Upshur County, W.Va. The first land deed record found was in Lewis County Deed Bk C, pg 179 dated 15 Jan 1825: George Bush and Mary his wife of Lewis County to Jacob Kesling of same place. The price was \$333 for 80 acres on West side of Buckhannon River adjoining Joseph Lewis and Adam Simon, Parneell Towler; patented by George Bush 1 Aug 1818. The same property was sold in 1834 to Abraham POST (Vol F pg 53) and location was more specific, being on Brushy Run.

There evidently have been other land transactions that never were recorded, as the surrounding county records have been also searched. As stated earlier based on county histories, the family lived on Big Sand Run and in the 1840s lived at what is now known as Kesling Mill, Upshur County, W.Va. Between the years 1843 and the formation of Upshur County, the area of about 1,000 acres surrounding Kesling Mill was in Barbour County, so that being the reason the KESLINGs are listed in the 1850 Census of Barbour County. Also this is the same reason Jacob's Will is in Barbour.

It is not known whether Jacob owned and operated a grist mill at Kesling Mill, but probably did. It appears the village got it's name from a mill located there which was owned and operated by Jacob and Mary's son John, per Upshur County Deed Bk E, pg 81.

Jacob KESLING died 29 Jan 1845, just nine days after writing his Will (shown later). He is buried in the Kesling Mill Methodist Church Cemetery, Upshur County, W.Va. The stone is a sandstone hewn as to represent a head and shoulder type and hand scribed. Fortunately the stone is slightly tilted forward so that the inscription was not weathered away. There is no stone for his wife Mary P. so all we have to go on is the death records in Upshur County which state she died 28 Jan 1853, age 74, born in Augusta County, parents Mary and James BLACK, son Jacob L. giving information.

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Children of Jacob and Mary P. (BLACK) KESLING:

1. Elizabeth b. 24 Feb 1799 Pendleton Co. Va., d. 22 Jan 1888 Upshur Co., W.Va., Mt. Lebanon Cem.
1st m. 28 Sep 1827 Lewis Co., Va.
1st h. Martin STRADER, b. 28 Mar 1793, d. 20 Mar 1850 Upshur Co., Va., s/o John I & Mary (POST) STRADER
2nd m. 29 Aug 1857 Upshur Co., Va.
2nd h. John WARD b. 1797 Loudin Co., Va., d. 11 Jan 1868, s/o Job & Tabitha WARD
2. Katherine b. ca 1801
m. 9 Dec 1822
h. Noah HYRE
3. James b. 15 May 1804, d. 2 Aug 1891 - Kesling Mill Cem.
m. Sep 1824
w. Mary WAMSLEY b. 17 Oct 1804, d. 23 Feb 1886, Kesling Mill Cem., d/o James WAMSLEY
4. John b. 1809, d. 20 Feb 1868 Kesling Mill Cem.
m. 8 Aug 1830
w. Elizabeth COX b. 1812, d. 14 Feb 1894
5. William b. ca 1812, d. ca 1901
m. 19 Mar or May 1833
w. Permelia JACK b. 1813, d. before 1902
d/o William & Catherine JACK
6. Jacob L. b. 1814
m. 17 Feb 1833
w. Charlotte LANTHAM b. 1820
7. Rebecca
m. 9 Jan 1831
h. John B. PIFER
8. Mahala (or Anna)
m. 15 Jul 1837
h. William DEAN
s/o John & Catherine (HEAVNER) DEAN

Will of Jacob KESLING

In the name of God amen, I Jacob Kesling of the County of Barbour, and State of Virginia being weak in body; but of a sound mind and a desposing memory, do hereby make my last will and Testament in manner and form following, what is to say:

First. After the payment of my just debts and funeral expenses is paid. I give to my wife Mary Kealing all my perishable property and one third of my real estate for and during her natural life and after her decease I give the perishable part of my property to be divided equally among my several children number here named, James Kealing, William Kealing, John Kealing, Mahala Dean, Rebecca Pifer, Katherine Hire.

Second. I give to my son Jacob L. Kesling the farm on which I now live, to him and his heirs forever.

Third. I give to my wife Mary Kesling all the money I have on

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hand.

Fourth. I give to Rebecca Pifer one milch cow. And Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my son Jacob L. Kealing Executor of my last will and Testament.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 20 day of January 1845.

Signed, sealed, published and declared as and for the last will and Testament of the above named Jacob Kesling in the presence of us.

John B. Shreve
Teter Kesling

his
Jacob X \ Kesling seal
mark

Barbour County Court, April Term 1847. The last will and Testament of Jacob Kesling Dec'd was this day presented in Court and proved by the oath of John B. Shreve a witness thereto and continued for further proof. Teste L. D. Morrall, clk

Barbour County Court, May Term 1847. The last will and Testament of Jacob Kesling was further proved by the oath of Teter Kesling witness.

COMMENT: As can be noted he does not mention a daughter Elizabeth STRADER. The proof that there was an Elizabeth in the family is in both of her marriage records. The bond of her first marriage states her father as Jacob KESLING and in the second as daughter of Jacob and Mary KEESLING.

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Many early Hacker's Creek families migrated to Shelby County, Indiana; included in these families were Sleeth, Keith, Cozad, Smith, Davis, Collins, and Hacker. Researchers of these families might be interested in the Second Annual History Media Fair which is being held June 1st and 2nd at the Shelbyville-Shelby County Public Library.

The event, sponsored jointly by the library, the Shelby County Historical Society and the Shelby County Arts Council, will include a contest on family histories, both written and oral. There will be displays set up by individuals and organizations including one by HCPD member Lolita Guthrie.

Lolita's table will focus on the early Hacker's Creek families. Anyone interested in participating in the contest or assiting Lolita with "our" table may contact Lolita at 123 N. Grove St., Bowling Green, OH 43402, or Ann Herold-Short, Shelbyville-Shelby Co. Public Library, 57 W. Broad St., Shelbyville, IN 46176.

THE LIFE AND TIMES
OF
JOHN THEODORE SCHIEFER
(1830-1864)
LEWIS COUNTY HERO - CIVIL WAR TRAGEDY
by
William Foster Hayes III

PART VIII
(CONTINUED)

On January 1st, 1863, President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, freeing 3,120,000 slaves in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas and Virginia -- all the states in rebellion.

On Sunday, January 11th, John Theodore Schiefer kissed his wife and children goodbye for the last time, took the train back to his outfit at Sir John's Run. Co. B 15th WV was stationed a few miles southeast, along the B & O line, at the eastern end of the Back Creek Bridge, one mile from North Mountain.

They were on guard duty. But, really, being at winter quarters meant this was a static assignment. The men were therefore inclined to gamble, sing, fish and hunt. Captain Egan had other ideas. He held frequent classes in cleaning their field pieces and accoutrements, rolling their kits, marching double time with gear and in greatcoats, drilling over the frozen mud in front of their tents, and learning how to read and write. Those who complained the loudest were given extra wood-gathering and picket duties.

John Theodore arrived on Monday, January 12th, 1863, in a violent, blinding snow-storm. He distributed letters, gifts and messages from the folks back home, and was asked for news of the War. The soldiers already were be-

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ginning to use runners to pass along information from one company to another. Often they knew more about battle results and troop displacements than their officers did.

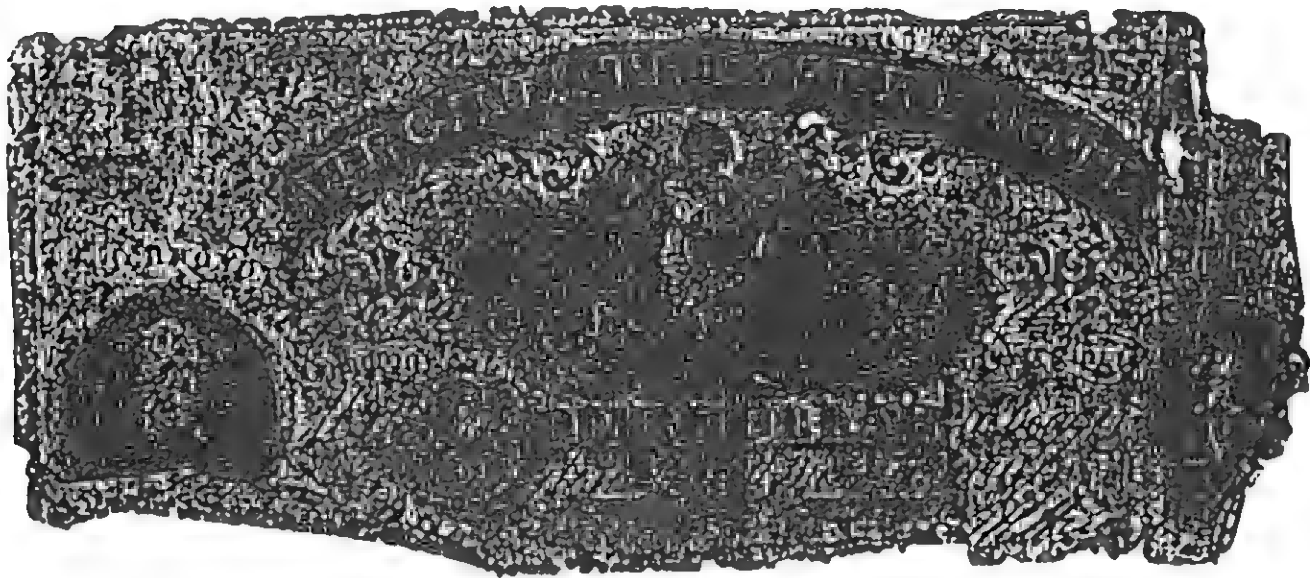
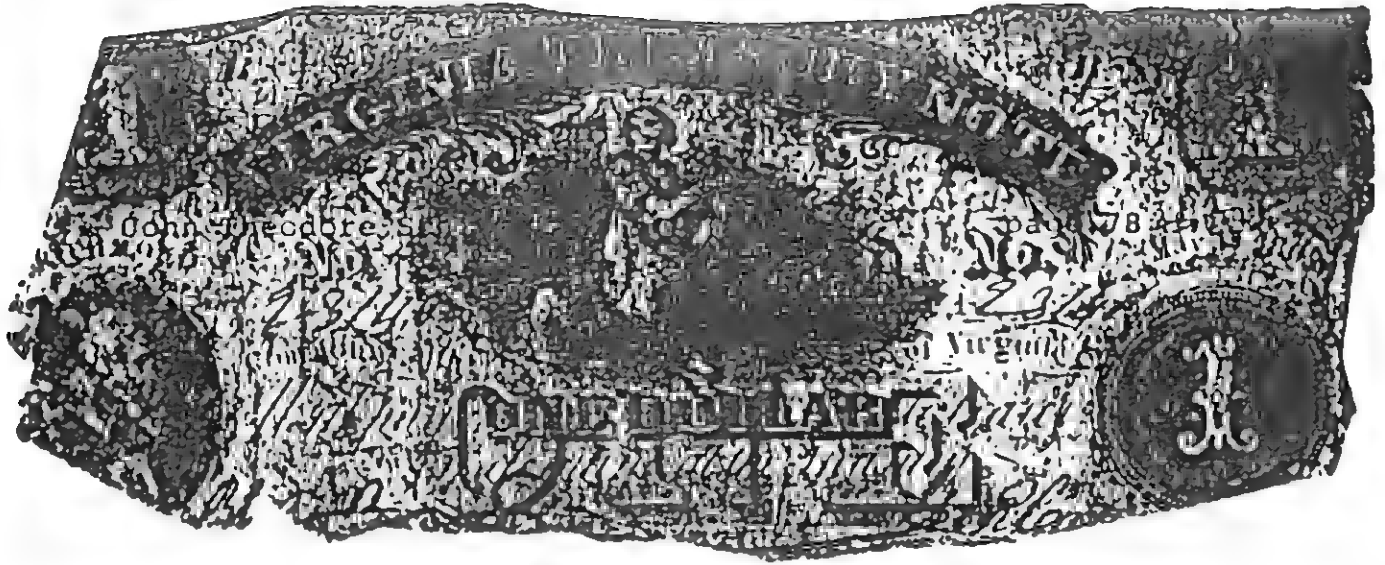
On January 25th, Lincoln removed General Burnside from command of the Army of the Potomac, replaced him with General Joseph "Fighting Joe" Hooker. It took Hooker nearly three weeks to find and set up his new headquarters. Morale was low. 100,000 Union soldiers deserted during those winter months. The Federal Congress passed a Conscription Act to fill the ranks which were not now adequately filled by volunteer enlistment.

Down South the Confederate dollar inflated. In February, 1863, half a loaf of bread cost \$25.00, a barrel of flour \$65.00. Southern mills and factories could not keep up with the military demands. Soldiers went without shoes and overcoats; they turned to civilians for food; their weapons were obsolete. People, angry at the inflation of the Confederate dollars, went back to using money that had been minted by their own states. The page following will show some of these state-minted dollars.

In March, 1863, Captain Egan was sent to Cumberland, MD, to sit on a General Court Martial. Co. B 15th WV was left under the command of (Acting Captain) 1st Lieut. William J. Nicholas. The men became fidgety from confinement and their relative inactivity. Nicholas held boxing and wrestling matches, tug-of-wars and other physical contests to burn off energy. Regimental boxing tournaments were held.

Co. B 15th WV became part of the 3rd Brigade, 1st Division, 8th Army Corps. General Burnside took command of the Department of the Ohio. West Virginia voted emancipation for all of its slaves. General Hooker's Army of the Potomac was brought up to strength at 134,000 troops. General Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia, holding the Rappahannock Line, numbered barely 60,000 (underfed and poorly equipped).

Hunger became a severe problem in many Southern cities. A "bread riot" broke out in Richmond, VA, on April 2nd. Jefferson Davis exhorted his constituents to forget planting cotton and tobacco, but instead to plant corn, oats,



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peas, potatoes and greens to prevent a recurrence of the famine conditions.

Monday, April 20th, 1863 -- the good news and the bad: Lincoln issued a proclamation celebrating the official statehood of West Virginia, the 35th State in the Union. And, unfortunately for West Virginia, on that same day Confederate Generals William Edmonson "Grumble" Jones and John Daniel Imboden began their destructive foray into the north, east and central parts of the state -- known as "The Jones and Imboden Raid."

The aim of this fast-moving 30-day cavalry attack was to destroy the B & O Railroad from Oakland, MD, to Grafton, WV; to defeat enemy forces at Beverly, Philippi and Buckhannon; to obtain supplies; and to recruit for the Confederate Army. Except for the partial destruction of the railroad and the capture of thousands of horses and cattle, the raid was of little benefit to the Confederacy. But from the viewpoint of the brand new State of West Virginia, the Jones and Imboden Raid was disastrous as town after town was occupied, railroad bridges burned, tracks torn up, 3,000 head of cattle and 1,200 horses impressed (in Marion and Harrison Counties), Government stores destroyed, 500 prisoners taken captive and 150,000 barrels of precious oil set on fire.

West Virginia was stunned as Jones and Imboden (traveling in two different routes) occupied and raped the cities of Moorefield, Petersburg, Rowlesburg, Kingwood, Morgantown, Fairmont, Beverly, Weston (May 2-6), Jane Lew (May 5), Rockford, Buckhannon, Philippi, Sutton, Summersville, West Union, Harrisville, Glenville, Cairo, Lewisburg, Burning Springs. The War, which many had thought would not last 3 months, began its third year right at home.

On April 27th, 1863, Union General Hooker moved his Army of the Potomac along the Rappahannock River, crossed it on April 28th, took a deep breath and began his Chancellorsville Campaign. On Thursday, April 30th, 1863, Lincoln led his nation in a Union Day of Fasting and Prayer to end the devastating War.

May 2nd, 1863, the day the Jones and Imboden Raid entered Weston, Lewis Co, WV, was one of those calendar days when energies converge and explode in all sectors. In

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the West, General Grant began his Vicksburg Campaign. The New Creek area, where Co. B 15th WV was stationed, fell victim to an epidemic of smallpox. And in the Eastern Theater, Federal General Joseph Hooker faced Confederate General Robert E. Lee in the Battle of Chancellorsville.

Stonewall Jackson's performance at Chancellorsville is described in every Civil War history in superlatives. Brilliant, hazardous, skillful, bold, the masterpiece of his military genius, etc. Tragically, on that same day, May 2nd, 1863, he was accidentally shot in the arm by his own men. He died 8 days later of pneumonia following the amputation of the arm. Age -- 39. His death proved to be a psychological and strategic blow to the Southern Cause.

Hooker was in over his head. He in turn was confused, frightened, unsure, inactive and error-prone. Lee, on the other hand, was quick, decisive, sure, masterful. The winner at Chancellorsville, however, was Death. 17,300 Union soldiers were lost and 12,800 Confederate soldiers. The odds of war breathed down the collars of Blue and Gray alike.

Captain Egan returned to Co. B 15th WV on May 3rd, 1863, immediately quarantining his men (at Back Creek Bridge) to keep them from having contact with the smallpox victims in the area. Only one man in the company came down with the dread disease -- Big Dan Arbogast, who survived.

Egan set the men of Co. B to building a split-log block-house along the south side of the railroad tracks. He wanted to be prepared in case Jones and Imboden should make any further raids. At this same time (3rd week of May), Grant entered a Siege of Vicksburg. This operation, during which the North would lose 9,000 and the South 10,000, continued until July 4th.

On June 1st, 1863, Co. B 15th WV received orders to pack their gear, get on the train and proceed back to Regimental Headquarters at Sir John's Run. On June 3rd, General Lee (his strength now up to 75,000 men) departed Fredericksburg, headed north on his Gettysburg Campaign, skirmishing all the way. On June 16th, Co. B 15th WV was suddenly ordered back to New Creek, in case Lee sent an arm that way. June 27th, Lee arrived at Chambersburg, PA. On the 28th,

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Lincoln relieved General Hooker in his command of the Army of the Potomac, replaced him that day with General George Gordon Meade. He ordered Meade (with 97,000 men) to proceed northward after Lee, immediately, that day, in all haste!

And then came the turning point of the Civil War: the 4th of July, 1863. The Battle of Gettysburg, PA (July 1-3), represented the high water mark of the Confederacy. Meade, losing a staggering 23,000 men, overwhelmed Lee, who lost 28,000! Lee waited in the rain, on July 4th, for further attack by Meade, the killing blow. When none came, he ordered his destroyed Army of Northern Virginia to retreat. Here another opportunity was missed by one of Lincoln's generals. Had Meade pressed the attack any time before Lee crossed the Potomac on the 11th, he could have ended the War. Meade's Army was "slowed by the rains," although Lee's Army was not slowed by the same rain. Lincoln and General-in-Chief Halleck, back in Washington, tore their hair.

And in the Western Theater, the white flag was shown at Vicksburg, MS, on July 3rd. On the 4th, Grant entered the city and the Battle (Siege) of Vicksburg had ground to a halt. General John Clifford Pemberton and 29,000 Confederates surrendered. Four days later, in a related operation, General Franklin Gardner and 6,000 Confederate soldiers surrendered to General Nathaniel Prentiss Banks at Port Hudson, LA.

The twin triumphs of the Federal Armies under Meade in the East and Grant in the West assured the existence of the Republic of the United States of America.

John Theodore Schiefer and Co. B 15th WV spent the next 5 weeks apprehensively menacing Lee's wounded remnants during their flight southward. Co. B did not enter any major engagements, but moved under forced march to several hot-spot locations:

July 5 - Cumberland, MD (heavy rains)

July 6 - Hancock, MD (heavy rains)

July 11 - Fairview on the Potomac, MD side (no sleep)
(Through field glasses, they watched Lee's Army cross the Potomac at Williamsport, MD)

July 14 - Double-quick march to Williamsport, MD
(bad roads, Potomac now very high and rapid, uncrossable)

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- July 15 - Double-quick march to Cherry Run (on the MD side)
- July 16 - Cross to the south bank of the Potomac
- July 17 - March along Back Creek to Hedgersville, WV
- July 18 - Lee's rear guard chases Co. B
- July 19 - Co. B 15th WV back to Cherry Run, WV
- July 20 - Co. B 15th WV skirmishes with Lee's rear guard at Ashby's Gap and Berry's Ferry, WV
- July 21 - Lee forces Co. B 15th WV to cross the Potomac back to the MD side (Lee's men starving, with no clothing, no shoes, no supplies, many deserting)
- July 23 - Lee departs the Potomac, heads south
- July 24 - Co. B 15th WV recrosses the Potomac to the WV side, marches along Back Creek, following Lee's tattered Army.
- July 25 to August 3 - Co. B, 15th WV stalks Lee to the southwest, as he retreats. March along the B & O Railroad: Rocky Springs, Birchtown, Bib Cacapon, Blue Gap, etc.
- August 4 - Co. B 15th WV now assigned to Campbell's Brigade, Scammon's Division, Department of the West Virginia, arrive 10 miles east of Romney, Hampshire Co, WV
- August 5 - Move through Romney to Mechanicsburg Gap, two miles west of the city. Here they end their pursuit of Lee.

August 8th, 1863, General Robert E. Lee, dejected and in ill health, resigned his commission in the Confederate Army. Jefferson Davis refused to accept Lee's resignation, saying, "Our country could not bear to lose you."

Co. B 15th WV was ordered to make semi-permanent quarters at Mechanicsburg Gap. They rested about a week, then Captain Egan arranged some more regimental boxing matches with the other companies bivouacked in the same area. They had passed their first major test in the battle lines. They were given their "baptism of fire" by none other than General Lee himself.

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The genealogical oddity that's always struck me was that my mother's mother was born in Lewis Co, Virginia, while my mother's father was born in Lewis Co, West Virginia. The

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only difference being that he was born after West Virginia officially became a state. Same county.

Though his parents lived in Battelle Township, my grandfather, Alvin Darius Mitchell, was born in Weston, August 25th, 1863, the third child of 9. His parents' family chart:

Paul Teter Mitchell, son of Abner Mitchell & Dorcas Lawson

b. 21 Oct 1822 Lewis Co, VA

m. 8 Mar 1859 Lewis Co, VA Harriett G. Shoulders, dau. of Conrad Shoulders & Catherine Montgomery

b. 8 Mar 1837 Lewis Co, VA

d. 16 Jun 1888 Lewis Co, WV

d. 22 Dec 1898 Lewis Co, WV

Their children:

1. Mansor Lee Mitchell

b. 23 Jan 1860 Lewis Co, VA

d. 23 Feb 1874 Lewis Co, VA

2. Cecelia E. Mitchell

b. 2 Aug 1861 Lewis Co, VA

d. 23 Feb 1874 Lewis Co, WV

3. Alvin Darius Mitchell

b. 25 Aug 1863 Lewis Co, WV

m. 3 Sep 1893 Lewis Co, WV Martha McClellan Schiefer,
(See above)

d. 11 Apr 1941 Oswego, IL

4. William B. Mitchell

b. 22 Aug 1865 Lewis Co, WV

d. 11 Mar 1866 Lewis Co, WV

5. Saphronia P. Mitchell

b. 30 Dec 1866 Lewis Co, WV

d. 22 Apr 1867 Lewis Co, WV

6. Emma E. Mitchell

b. 30 Apr 1868 Lewis Co, WV

d. 25 Mar 1897 Lewis Co, WV

7. Edgar Ellsworth Mitchell

b. 5 Jun 1870 Lewis Co, WV

m. 23 Apr 1893 Lewis Co, WV Annie Florence Riffle,
poss. dau. of Jefferson and Elizabeth Riffle
b. ca 1868/9

8. Ida Deborah Mitchell

b. 8 Nov 1872 Lewis Co, WV

m. 6 Aug 1891 Lewis Co, WV Robert Ivan Taylor, son
of Morris I. and Emily Taylor

d. 23 Mar 1918

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9. Marion Russell (Richard?) Mitchell
b. 6 Jun 1875 Lewis Co, WV
m. 3 Oct 1894 Lewis Co, WV Mary A. Skinner
b. 12 Jun 1872
d. 1 Feb 1948
d. 2 Dec 1920 Lewis Co, WV

With the Mitchells and the Schiefers both living in Battelle Township, Alvin ("A. D.") Mitchell and Martha ("Mattie") Schiefer grew up knowing each other as childhood neighbors.

Grandpa A. D. Mitchell's uncle, John Elam Mitchell, born 29 April 1818 in Lewis Co, VA, had moved southwest into Gilmer Co, was a Methodist Protestant Minister there. He became a Chaplain for the Union Army, was commissioned a Captain. In a skirmish between the 11th WV Infantry Regiment and some partisan Virginia State Rangers led by Captain George Downs, in Arnoldsburg, Calhoun Co, (W)VA, in May, 1862, Captain John Elam Mitchell was shot through the hips (or shoulder) and mortally wounded.

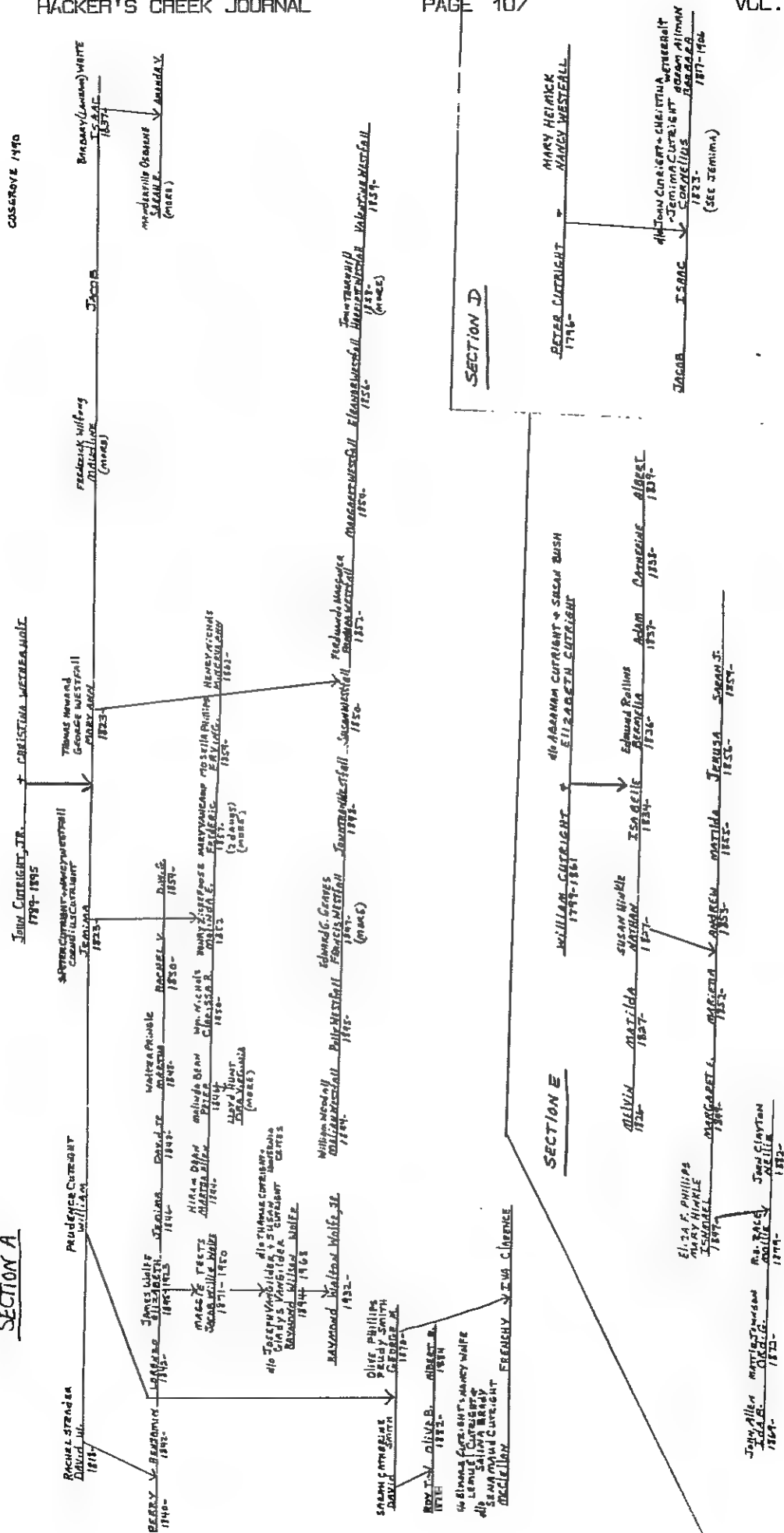
I believe Grandpa Mitchell's father, Paul Teter Mitchell, did not serve in the armed forces. Paul Teter was a farmer as well as the Presiding Elder of Old Harmony (Methodist Protestant) Church, which had been started by his grandfather Rev. John Mitchell, the early Hacker's Creek Pioneer.

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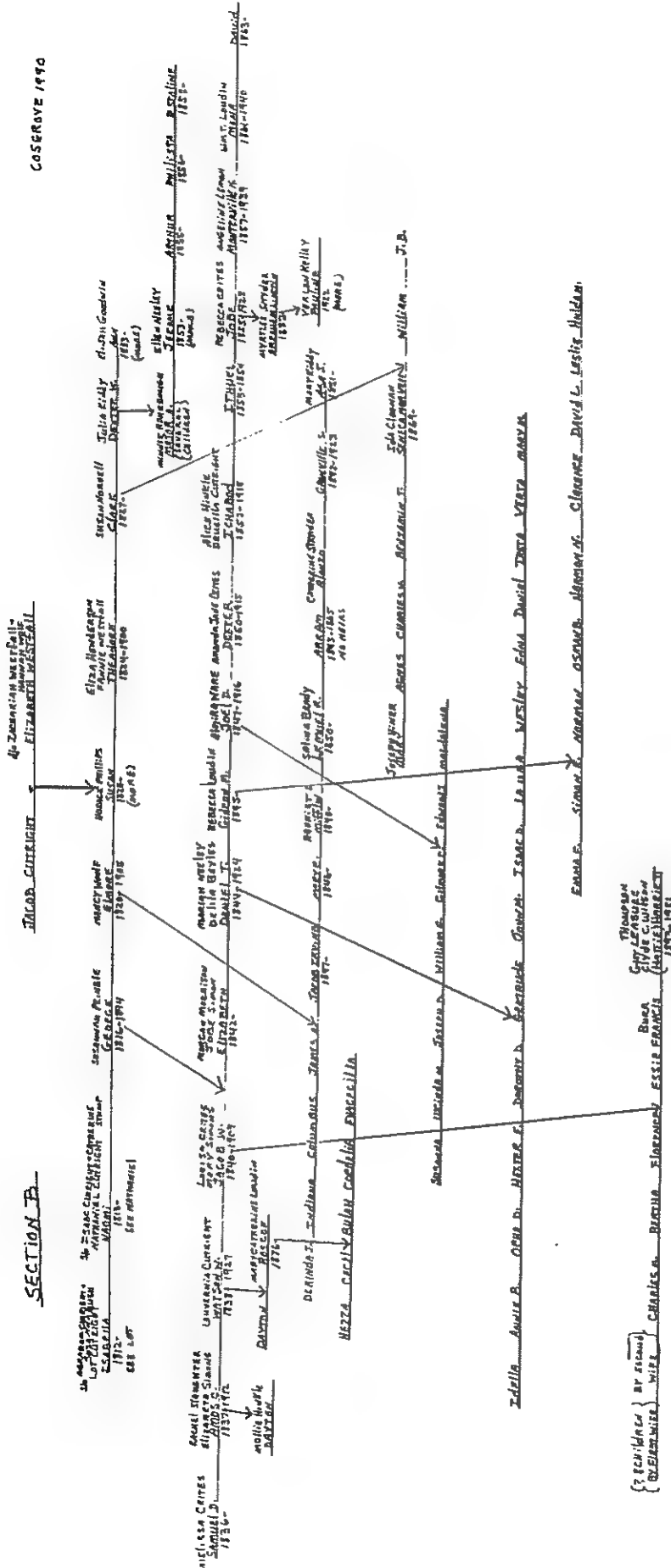
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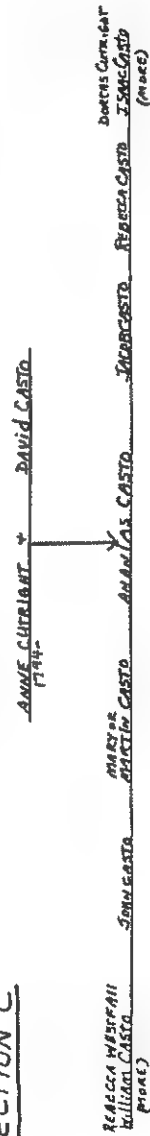


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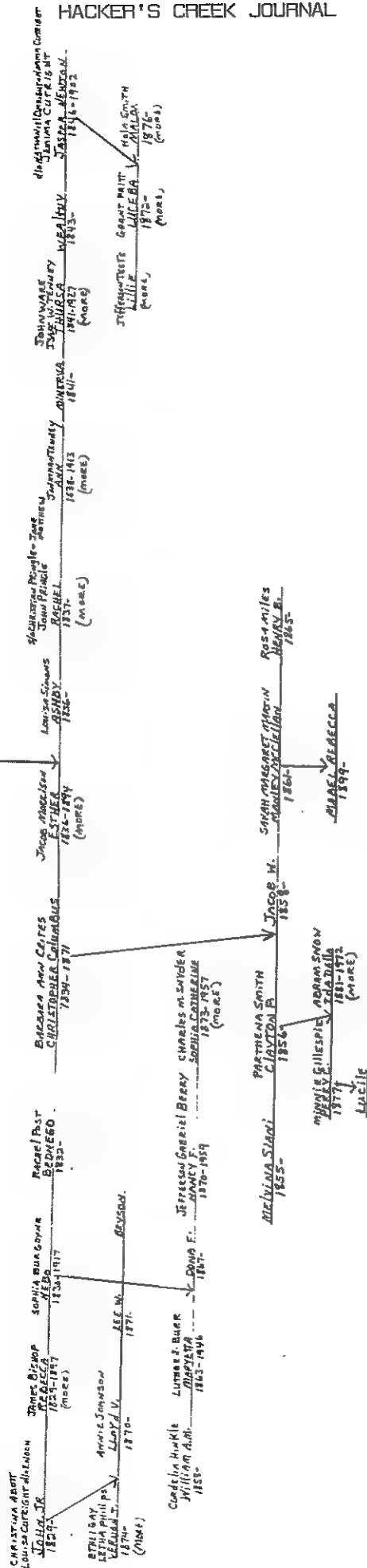


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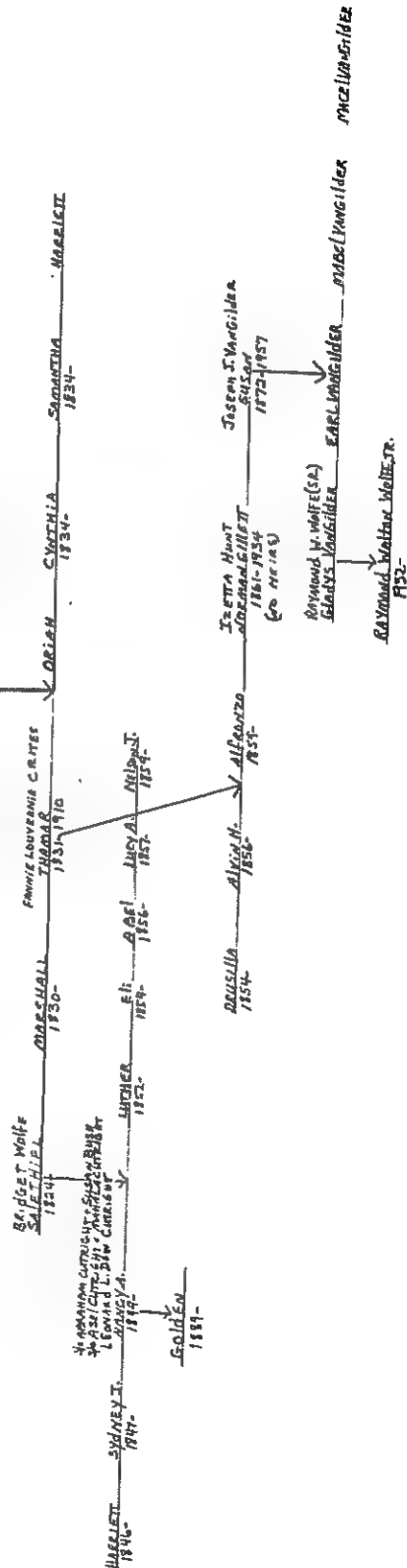
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ISAAC CUTRIGHT +
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The Family of John Jackson Jr.

Son of John Jackson Sr. and Elizabeth Cummings

Nancy A. Jackson Ph.D.
Jacob Jay Jackson Jr.

The genealogy has been simplified from family records, census material, books, wills, deeds etc. We do plan to publish a volume on this line, but in the meantime, we feel a great urgency to share our present data on the descendants of Jacob Jay Jackson s/o John Jackson Jr. and gs/o John Jackson Sr. and Elizabeth Cummins.

We would appreciate all descendants checking this information, and hearing from you. We do have more information on this Jackson line! Send all correspondence to:

Nancy Jackson
507 Haymond Hwy.
Clarksburg, WV 26301
Ph. 304-623-46091. John Jackson Jr.

- b. 1760, Moorefield (W)Va.
- d. 1821, along the lower Mississippi river; will is recorded in Lewis Co., 21 May 1821 (Roy Bird Cook, p. 14).
- m-1 10 Apr. 1786 in Harrison Co., (W)Va., Rebecca Hadden b. 1766.

Children: Edward Hadden b. 1787; m. Rebecca Love.
Dr. David I. m. Louise Ball.
Sarah b. 1794 m. Alexander Ireland
Samuel b. 1796

- m-2 2 Jul. 1797 in Harrison Co., (W)Va.,
Elizabeth Cozad d/o Jacob Cozad from N.Y.
b. 1779
d. 1845

After death of John Jr. m. Wm. McNulty.
Buried Fairplain, Greene Co., Ohio.

Children:

- 1. Mary 1801-1852 m. Joseph Guseman
- 2. Jacob Jay 1799-1859
 - m-1 Margaret M. McNulty
 - m-2 Permelia Francis Watson
- 3. William 1806-
 - m-1 Charlotte McClelland
 - m-2 Lucy S. Parrick
- 4. George 1812-
 - m. Cecelia B. McNulty
 - Both buried in Peterson Cem., Lewis Co.
- 5. Elizabeth (probably of 1st Marriage)
 - m. Enoch Gibson

6. Rebecca (probably of 1st marriage)
m. George Hall

2. Jacob Jay Jackson

m-1 Margaret McNulty 1797-1848 (tombstone)
buried in Peterson Cem., Lewis Co., WV

Children:

1. Mary Elizabeth 1830-1859 m. Thomas Miles
2. Martha Elthea 1831-1916 m. Nathaniel Bush
3. John Columbus 1832-1918 m-1 Susan Jackson
m-2 Phoebe Kidd

m-2 Fernelia Francis Watson

b. 13 Oct. 1856 Lewis Co., WV d/o John F. Watson
and Mary M. Brown.

After 1848 m. Jacob Hudson

Children:

a. Geo. Washington

b. 20 Jun. 1851 Stonecoal, Lewis Co., WV

d. 1942 Jackson Co., WV

m-1 Mattie Caroline Renfro

m-2 Margaret Skidmore

b. Cecelia Beverly

b. 11 Dec. 1854

d. 1870

m-1 Jacob Hamilton Bush

m-2 Henry Bonnett

c. Margaret Drucilla

b. 17 Mar. 1853

d. 1871

m. Robert Erwin Bush

d. Jacob William

b. 1856

d. 1861

Note: Jacob Jay had a son out of wedlock; ~~wife~~ ^{mother} unknown:

Randolph b. 7 Aug. 1826; d. 1909; m. Dolly Linger.

a. Geo. Washington Jackson s/o Jacob Jay Jackson.

m-1 Mattie Renfro (from Kansas) b. 10 Mar. 1852;

d. 23 Nov. 1925 Charleston, WV.

Children:

(1) Muisetta b. 1873 in Anderson, Kansas;
d. 1897 in Lewis Co., WV.

(2) Lorenzo Goodlow b. 13 Jan. 1875; d. 1963;
m. Marion Herr.

(3) Lillian Rose b. 7 Jan. 1878; d. 1956;
m. Arthur Greathouse.

(4) Edwin Merrill b. 1883 Stonecoal, WV.
m. Lorna Doone.

(5) Jacob Jay Jackson b. 2 Apr. 1889 Stonecoal, WV
d. 19 Dec. 1936 in Clarksburg, WV.

m. Annie Grace Stalnaker (a descendant of
Margaret Jackson, aunt of "Stonewall Jackson")

(6) Geo. Washington Jr. b. 31 Oct. 1886 (d-y).

(7) Ethel Love b. 5 Dec. 1892 Lewis Co., WV.

- m. Fred Fairchild (lived in Pensacola, Fla.).
(8) John C. (d-y).
m-2 Margaret Skidmore (no issue), lived in Ripley, WV.
- (5) Jacob Jay Jackson m. Annie Grace Stalnaker.
Children:
- i. Eleanor Ruth Jackson b. 1 Feb. 1915.
m. Glen Cowgill (live in Stealey Add.,
Clarksburg, WV.)
 - ii. Thomas Edwin b. 23 Dec. 1916; m. Francis
Bella Amoral.
 - iii. Mary Elizabeth b. 9 Apr. 1919; d. 1938; m.
Jennings Holbert.
 - iv. Jacob Jay Jr. b. 3 Feb. 1921; m. Mary Lois
Logan. (live in Quiet Dell, Harrison Co., WV.
 - v. Robert Lee b. 14 Jan. 1923; d. 9 Sep. 1990;
m. Lois Trevillian (lived in Maryville,
Tenn.)
 - vi. William Andrew b. 12 Apr. 1925; m. Mary Ann
Richards.
 - vii. Betty Joan b. 17 Sep. 1928; m. Walter Parucha
(live in McKeesport, Pa.).
 - viii. Nancy Ann b. 12 Aug. 1932; (Lives in
Clarksburg, WV-single).

Some primary data to support our assertions on the descendants, second marriage of Jacob Jay Jackson s/o John Jackson Jr. and his descendants are:

Marriage record of Jacob to Permelia Watson (Lewis Co.)
Will of Jacob Jay Jackson (Lewis Co.)
Enoch Gibson Deed (Lewis Co.)

Some of the data is contrary to information found in the following published books: (a) Some Descendants of John and Elizabeth Cummins Jackson of Kentucky by Harry Jackson. (b) The Genealogies of the Jackson, Jenkins and Morrison Families by Michael Shoop.

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Tetrick, Guy: Papers located in Colson Hall, WV University, Morgantown, WV.
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Jackson, Anna: (w/o Jacob Jay Sr.) - Family Bible Records.

It is to certify that I executed the rights of marriage
 Matrimony between Lerol Jackson & Fernina
 Frances Watson on the 13th day of October 1850
 given under my hand this 11th of November 1850

Richard H. Hacker

Minister in the M. B. Church

Enoch Gibson & C.

Deed





John R. Jackson

This deed made this 1st day
 of February, A.D. 1868 between
 Enoch Gibson, Charles W. Gibson,
 Geo. Bogard & C. A. Bogard, his wife of the first part and John
 R. Jackson of the second part, Witnesseth: That whereas, one Samuel
 C. Jackson died seized of a certain interest of, in & to certain
 lands in the County of Lewis now in the State of West
 Virginia, lying at the Mouth of and on Hilly up land
 run, a branch of Stone Coal Creek, and is the same land
 on which George R. Jackson & Jacob J. Jackson resided at the
 time of their respective deaths, and whereas the said Charles
 W. Gibson & C. A. Bogard late C. A. Gibson are the nephew
 and niece of the said Samuel C. Jackson who died
 intestate & without issue. And whereas, Elizabeth Gibson
 the Mother of the said Charles W. & C. A. was the full
 sister & one of the heirs of the said Samuel C. Jackson,
 in all the Estate of which he died seized, and the said
 Elizabeth also died intestate, whereby all the real property
 inherited by her, by reason of the death of the said Samuel
 C. Jackson descended upon her death to her children
 of which the said Charles W. & C. A. are the only
 children who have not sold their interest in said
 property, and whereas the said Enoch Gibson, who
 survived the said Elizabeth, his wife, is entitled to coun-
 tery in said land, Now therefore, in consideration of one
 hundred dollars, in hand paid, the receipt whereof is
 hereby acknowledged, the parties of the first part do
 grant, bargain, sell & convey unto the party of the
 second part, his heirs & assigns forever, all their Estate
 & interest in & to all the land on Stone Coal Creek &

Deed to John R. Jackson March 25th 1869

Hilly upland Run, as aforesaid I heretofore referred to, which they have or may hereafter acquire by reason of their said heirship, in the State of Samuel C. Jackson, of which they are now possessed or of which they may hereafter be possessed or entitled by reason of any law regulating descent. To have & to hold, the aforesaid interest in & to the said John C. Jackson his heirs & assigns forever. & the said Enoch Gibson, Charles W. Gibson, George Cozad & C. A. his wife covenant to warrant generally the interests or property hereinbefore described.

Witness the following signatures & seals, the day & year first above written

George Cozad 
 C. A. Cozad 
 Charles W. Gibson 
 E. Gibson 

State West Va

Lewis County, to wit:

I J. P. McBride a Justice of said County in the State of West Virginia do certify that Geo. A. Cozad, the wife of George Cozad, whose names are signed to the writing above, bearing date the 1st Feb., 1868. personally appeared before me in the County aforesaid and being examined by me, privately & apart from her husband, & having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her, she, the said C. A. Cozad acknowledged the said writing to be her act, and declared that she had willingly executed the same, and does not wish to retract it.

Given under my hand this 1st day of February A.D. 1868.
 J. P. McBride Justice

State of West Va

Lewis County, to wit:

I J. P. McBride, a Justice of said County in the State of West Virginia hereby certify that George Cozad & Charles W. Gibson, whose names are signed to the foregoing writing bearing date on the 1st Feb., 1868. this day personally appeared before me in my County aforesaid & acknowledged the same to be their voluntary act & deed for the purposes therein stated. Given under my hand this 1st day of February, A.D. 1868.
 J. P. McBride Justice

JACOB I. JACKSON'S WILL

Will Book A, pp 14-20, Lewis County, WV

In the name of God, Amen:

I, Jacob J. Jackson of Lewis County, knowing the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the duration of life, and being of sound mind and capable of making disposition of my property, and desiring to do so, do make and publish this my last will and Testament, not having heretofore made a will.

Item 1st I desire all my debts to be paid
Item 2nd I desire that the farm on Stone Coal, on which I now reside, whether held by one or more titles, to remain undivided until my youngest child shall arrive at the age of Twenty one years: That during that time I desire that the said farm shall be cultivated, farmed and manged for the support and benefit of my beloved wife and my five children for whom no other provission has been made - to wit: My daughter Mary Elizabeth Miles, wife of the Rev. James W. Miles, and in case of her death to her children, and my four infant children, George Washington, Margaret Drusilla, Cecelia Beverly, and Jacob William - my said wife to have one third of said farm during her life, or its rents and profits at her discretion; and the use, or rents and profits, of the remaining two thirds of said farm, to be used for the education and support of said devisees; and if any surplus remain that it be devoted to the improvement of said farm, when necessary or deemed expedient. At the time my youngest child shall arrive at the age of Twenty one years, I desire that said farm shall be owned and held either jointly or separately by my said five children, and in case of the death of any of them that his or her share shall pass to their heirs in the same manner it would under the law without this devise. This direction is made because I have heretofore conveyed and provided for my son John Columbus, Martha E. Bush and Randolph. This is to say I have conveyed to John Columbus about three hundred & three acres and have given him some money, and personal property of the probable value of about Four hundred dollars And I have given to my daughter Martha E. Bush and her husband about Twelve hundred dollars or upwards.

Item 3rd I recently became the purchaser of eight or ten acres of land, including the Jackson Mill property in the County of Upshur; near the town of Buckhannon at the sum of Six Thousand Five hundred and fifty dollars, which I desire and direct to be sold; and that the sale be on such credit as will meet the installments which I contracted to pay at a sale thereof during the last year, being I think the sum of Two Thousand five hundred and fifty dollars at one and two years with (and as to the residue the sale to be made upon a credit not exceeding six years with the interest from date) interest from date, the interest payable semi-annually. I also own an interst in a small lot of land

known as the Samuel Jackson lot, in which I own two sevenths - the whole containing about eleven acres, which I desire to be sold with, and upon the same terms of my mill property. In respect to this mill property, I had a verbal contract of sale, to my brother, George R. Jackson, who has recently departed this life, and which I am advised cannot now be executed, and which my brother George, before his death, desired should be cancelled. He had the use of said Mill for some time, and made some improvements thereon: I desire that my brother's estate be charged with the use of said Mills, and be paid for the improvements he made thereon.

Item 4th. I desire that so much of my grain and meats, and vegetables etc for the support of my wife and infant children for Twelve months to be set apart for their use without charge. That all my household and Kitchen furniture be set apart and kept together for the use of my wife and infant children and to be retained until my youngest child arrive at the age of Twenty one years of age. Also five milch cows to be selected by my wife, be set apart and so retained as the said household furniture, beds &c are directed thereby retaining an inventory of the values.

All debts to me owing I desire to be collected, and all other personal estate not herein before named I desire to have sold upon such terms as may be deemed avisable, not exceeding twelve months; and all the money arriving therefrom, I desire to have loaned out or invested as follows: To loan to my son John Columbus, if he desire it, One Thousand dollars upon the terms hereafter named, without security, until my youngest child shall arrive at Twenty one years of age: The residue of said money I desire to have loaned out upon good security upon real estates, upon deed of trust or mortgage payable at or near the time my youngest child shall arrive at the age of Twenty one years, with interest from date. The interest to be payable every six months, and the interest re-invested upon the same terms. At the time my said youngest child shall arrive at the age of Twenty one years, I desire that all of said money shall be collected in; and that said money and the advancements heretofore made and the present value of the personal property, directed to be kept together and the real estate herein devised be brought into one fund, and that an equal distribution thereof be made to them or their heirs.

In the mean time, and during the life time of my beloved wife, I wish one third of the interest on the money herein before directed to be invested to be paid semi-annually to my wife, and at her death to be distributed amongst my said children; and to that end that said investment of one third be continued until the death of my said wife. In thus disposing of my effects I do not wish my son Randolph included, as I have given to him heretofore all that I desire for him to have of my estate; but I do not wish him too much hastened or pressed in the debts he owes me.

Item 5th. Many years ago my brother George R. Jackson and I purchased the dower estate of the Widow of

Samuel C. Jackson in certain lands on Stone Coal, at the price of Three hundred and eighteen dollars. I paid Two hundred dollars, and my brother George paid one hundred and eighteen dollars. The only writing on the subject is I think in my own individual name And what I desire here is to have the matter of said purchase confirmed and equalized. The payment of said one hundred and eighteen dollars were to have been made by the said George R. Jackson and has probably been paid.

Item 6th: David Romifield, Arnold Romifield and Rufus Maxwell owe me five hundred and sixty four dollars payable Six months after date, with interest from date, dated 3rd January 1859, which, if at maturity the parties wished to have further time for payment, it was agreed that they should give a new note, negotiable at four months including interest and discount. I wish my personal representative to observe and carry out said understanding.

Item 7th: I have been for many years paying all the taxes on the lands owned by George R. Jackson and myself. I name it merely to enable my Executor to settle the same.

Item 8th: It my my will and desire that the remains of my first wife be disinterred and buried at the George R. Jackson burying ground By whose side I wish to be buried in a plain and substantial manner.

And lastly I nominate and appoint Jonathan M. Bennett, Esq., Executor of this my last will and testament, with power to carry out the provisions herein contained, with discretion to to sue on debts where from inability to pay, my estate my be subjected to costs in attempting it And now having disposed of my worldly affairs in the best and most equatable manner I am capable, I commend my soul to God who gave it.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 12th day of January 1859.

Signed and sealed and J.J. Jackson (Seal)
acknowledged our presence and
in the presence of each of us,
who have signed the cause as
witnesses in the presence of the
testator and at his request.
George Lawson
W.I. Bland
J.M. Bennett

Note - Will of Jacob J. Jackson admitted to record in
circuit court of Lewis Co. Va. - Jan 18, 1859.
See p. 353, Law Order Book
No. 9

HON. GEORGE B. SLEETH

Lolita Gutherie, 123 N. Grove, Bowling Green, OH 43402, submitted the following sketch from the Atlas of Rush County, Indiana (1879). Where does George fit in the Hacker's Creek Sleeth family?

SLEETH, HON. GEORGE B. The hardy growths of nature are those that battle the storms; the fiercer the conflict, the more robust becomes the trunk, and the deeper down do the roots descend. Man is but a part of nature. He who struggles with difficulties and is insured to hardships, is the strong growth—the man of mark. Such is the subject of this sketch. His ancestors were natives of Scotland, and the family name was Keith. They espoused the cause of Charles II, known in history as the "Young Pretender," who being defeated at the battle of Culloden, his adherents were forced to fly from their native heath. The Keiths escaped to Ireland and settled in the county of Armagh, changing their name to Sleeth, to baffle detection. Here John Sleeth—the father of George B.—was born, grew to manhood, and was married to Eleanor Boyd, a native of the same county. In 1839, they emigrated to the United States, landing at New York City, where George B. was born July 4 of that year. Soon after his birth, his parents moved to Allegheny County, Penn., and settled near Pittsburgh, where they died when he was but 9 years old, leaving him to struggle with and be buffeted by the world's cold charities. In 1854, he came to this State, settling in Franklin County, where he remained about two years, coming to this county in the spring of 1856, where he has since resided. He attended the common schools of the county as much as was in his power. In the mean time, he had made friends, who saw that he had a bright, studious mind, and who believed that the time would come when he would make his mark in Rush County. He was thus able to borrow money to help him finish his education, and in 1859 and 1860, he attended Farmers' College, near Cincinnati, Ohio, which completed his literary education. The money borrowed, he has paid back since beginning his law practice. On returning from college, he taught school in this county about two years, and in March, 1862, began the study of law, under Gov. L. Sexton, completing his studies with George C. Clark, with whom he went into partnership, changing, afterward, to A. B. Campbell, and is at present engaged in practice with John W. Study. In 1869, he was married, in Rushville, to Miss Charlotte Frame, the daughter of Dr. William Frame, one of the leading pioneer physicians of Rush County, by which union have been born three children, viz., Eleanor B., Charlotte T. and Mary A. Sleeth. In 1872, Mr. Sleeth was elected as joint Senator for Rush and Decatur Counties, occupying the seat four years, and, in 1873, was elected to a seat in the State Legislature, to represent Rush County, which positions of trust and confidence he has filled with credit to himself, and satisfaction to his constituents. Politically, he has always been identified with the interests of the Republican party, and firm in upholding its principles. As a lawyer, Mr. Sleeth has few superiors. A brilliant orator, his ability to sway jurors renders him a dangerous foe in legal conflict, being clear, concise and convincing. His chief ambition is to stand in the front rank of his profession, to which end he has bent every energy, and the rigid study and profound thought he has bestowed on the acquirement of legal knowledge has borne its legitimate fruit in ripe legal attainments and a high professional character. In the discussion of legal questions, he shows careful and laborious preparation; and he approaches the point at issue by a confident, exhaustive and logical process, that evinces a conviction that his conclusions are correct and unassailable. Thoroughly conversant with the law, ready and trenchant in debate, an expert in the analysis of human motives and passions, he has peculiar qualifications for a successful advocate. He is at all times courteous in his bearing, cogent and logical in argument, confident and fearless in the trial of a cause, and always faithful to the interests of his clients.

QUERIES

1. Would like to correspond with anyone who can tell me about the German Baptist Church Lightburn. We have seen the lot where it once stood but no one could tell me any of its' history. My grandmother is Anna WIMER RADCLIFF who married John R. RADCLIFF. Her obituary said she attended this church all of her life. She d. ca 1895 as a result of her dress catching fire. Geretha M. YECKLEY, 10503 Hayes Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20902-3701.
2. Query #12, pg. 58, in last issue of JOURNAL. Who submitted it? Jane BURROWS. 2541 Rio De Ora Way, Sacramento, CA 95826 would like to correspond with you.
3. Seek desc. of my ROBINSON family. My g. grandfather James ROBINSON (b ca 1803-1810 VA or MD) m Sarah H. MC CUBBIN, B 1815 in MD. I located them in 1850 Lewis Co. and 1860 Ritchie Co. Census - may have lived in same area but county changed. Their children: James W.; Joseph W. m Elizabeth BIRD; Henrietta m Frank GAINER; John L. m Mary Alice WRIGHT; Margaret; Mary E. m Nathaniel MC DONALD; Thomas M. m Elinor Alma BUTCHER; and Sarah D. m _____ FISHER.

My grandparents were John L. ROBINSON and Mary Alice WRIGHT. Their children: Lilly; Howard L. m Jane RICE; and my father, John William m Ethel FERGUSON, d/o Emma Catherine FERGUSON and William Sheridan BARNES, 8 Aug 1914 at White Pine, Calhoun Co, WV.

I welcome corr. from all ROBINSON-WRIGHT-FERGUSON and BARNES researchers. Especially seek birthplaces and parents of Sarah H. MC CUBBIN and James ROBINSON. Mrs. Margaret J. ROBINSON MASON, k RD 2, Box 119, New Martinsville, WV 26155.

4. Seek any info re DE VINNEY and WILLIAMS family. Caleb DE VINNEY, b Sept (?) 1829, place unknown, d 24 Jul 1895 and wife, Elizabeth CLEMENTS DE VINNEY, b 29 Jun 1831, place unknown, d 27 Aug 1901, Weston, WV. Children: my grandmother, Eugenia, b in or near Baltimore, MD, m Lot B. BUTCHER of Weston 27 Sep 1885. Lot b. 1 Jan 1864, was desc. of Paulser BUTCHER, early settler of Weston (Paulser m Elizabeth BUSH 1773). There were other DE VINNEY daus., one known as "Lib", and one son, name unknown. Believe Caleb and Elizabeth came from Avalon area, Baltimore, during Civil War period and that Caleb served as head of commissary during Civil War. That may be reason for their move to Weston area. Grave stones for Caleb and Elizabeth in

Gee Lick Cemetery Baptist Church Yard mention Baltimore so that may have been birthplace for both.

Also need info re Minerva WILLIAMS, wife of Manuel BUTCHER. Minerva, b 14 Mar 1827, place unknown, d 29 Oct 1878, Weston. Manuel b ca 1832 and d 18 Mar 1864, Weston. Eileen SCHENCK, 7446 Fostoria, Downey, CA 90241

5. Joseph and Elizabeth WILLIAMS were listed on WV Monongalia Co census with this children: Phebe; Abraham; Nancy, Joseph; Isaac; Elizabeth; Solomon; Aaron; and Eliza. Nancy m John KING, Jan 1856, Weston, WV. John King and some of his brothers fought in Civil War. Info on these and related families appreciated. A dau of John and Nancy WILLIAMS KING, Anna Bell, m (1) Frank EMERSON. Frank and Anna Bell lived in Gilmer Co and sometime after his death, she moved to Weston where she m (2) William Serman MOODY.

Also will trade info for BEVERLY families. Elzy BEVERLY of Big Sand Run (Upshur Co??) and Cora WALLACE had a known dau Pearl BEVERLY who m Howard EMERSON in 1930. Trying to find par. of Elzy and Cora.

Need info about Charles PECK who' m Mary BAUGH/BOUGH, prob. Lewis/Harrison Co, WV. He supposedly died in Civil War. Known children: Charles, worked for railroad; and, Mary George m. _____ COPELAND in Indiana. After COPELAND d., Mary George m. Rev. James Herbert BURNS, a Methodist minister, and they went back to WV. I have some info on Indiana part of this but not the West Virginia side. Eileen KISSICK, R#1, Box 188, New Castle, IN 47362

6. LOWTHER - descendants of Robert and Elizabeth Lowther (s/o Joseph and Catherine COBURN LOWTHER). Is anyone researching this LOWTHER family? Children: William m (1) Catherine CUMMINS in 1844 (2) Martha HESS in Upshur Co in 1858; Joseph m 1843 (Barbour) Mary Ann WHITE and lived in Upshur; Abethia m 1846 John A. PETERS, res. Upshur; Sarah m 1861 Michael MURPHY, res. Upshur; Nancy m 1845 Alexander REED; Joanna m 1854 Isaac Israel, res. Doddridge; Elizabeth m (1) Basil DAWSON in 1856 (2) Ranson LORENTZ in 1861; George Washington m Mahala GREGORY, 1862, res. Lewis; and Henry. Would like to hear from anyone working on any of these lines. Matha BYRD, 899 Fleming Ave., Fairmont, WV 26554.
7. Seek any info on John and Sarah GREGORY. Sarah born 1805-1810. Children: Mary, b 1830; William, b 1833; Mahala, b 1836, m George W. LOWTHER; Lucinda, b 1840; Elizabeth, b 1842; Wesley, b 1845; Harrison, b 1848.

Also a Mifflin, b ca 1842, in 1860 Harrison Co census. May have lived in Upshur County. These children are reportedly one quarter Indian. Need Sarah's maiden name, John's parents, and where the children settled. Matha BYRD, 899 Fleming Ave., Fairmont, WV 26554.

8. Who were parents of Mary "Polly" Reid, b 17 Jun 1800, in PA? She m Christian WEST, s/o Alexander and Mary STRALEY WEST, in Lewis Co 21 Apr 1822. Rev. John MITCHELL officiated. They lived on Hacker's Creek and Finks Creek. Matha BYRD, 899 Fleming Ave., Fairmont, WV 26554.
9. Seek par. and ancestors of John Lawrence HARDMAN, b ca 1835 in Lewis Co, according to his Civil War discharge. He served in the 33rd Illinois Infantry through the end of the war. Nancy THURMAN EBENSBERGER, 406 Banbury Lane, Victoria, TX 77904, PH 512-575-6150.
10. Seek par. and siblings of Drusilla BEAN who m Hezekiah HESS 3 Oct 1847 Lewis County. Where did she come from? Also seek info on Peter HESS, b ca 1782, who lived in Lewis Co. Was he sibling of first Hezekiah? Where is Hezekiah HESS (9 Oct 1756-8 Oct 1848) buried? Vanessa Renee PIGOTT, 115 1/2 Bellview Ave., Fairmont, WV 26554.

Sleuthing for SLEETHs. Seeking descendants of John/Alexander and Mary Ann (WALLACE/WALLIS) SLEETH who arrived America 1747-1749 and died Harrison County, Virginia. Known children include: Margaret born 1747 married John HACKER; Alexander married 2nd Nancy/Ann SMITH; David Wallace married 1st Catherine CARPENTER and 2nd Mrs. Susanna SIMPSON; Thomas; John married Ann FLESHER; Jane married Elias HUGHES; and James. Many moved into Ohio by 1810s recorded in Greene, Guernsey, Licking, and Meigs counties; into Shelby County, Indiana in 1820. Welcome exchange with additional SLEETH researchers trying to establish relationships and document movements westward. Sharing resources; have published 4th annual THAYER-SLEETH SCRAPBOOK.

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